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**Aerospace, tech, and defence possibilities for  
Model Farm development. See Page 5.**



## Witnesses sought over Morrisons incident



**POLICE in Barry are appealing for three people who may have witnessed an incident at a supermarket in the town to come forward.**

Officers were called to the car park in Morrisons, Barry after a blue Vauxhall Astra collided with a pedestrian on Tuesday, July 9 at around 5.15pm.

A 34-year-old man was taken to the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, for treatment. A 63-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of assault and has been released under investigation.

Detectives would like to speak to the woman pictured in the CCTV still, who is believed to have witnessed two men involved in a confrontation when entering the store at around 5.10pm.

The woman who had a young child with her is described as being white, with short blonde hair and was wearing glasses, dark trousers and a white vest top with a pink flamingo on the front.

The woman spoke with a member of staff at the tobacco counter after witnessing the altercation.

Detectives would also like to speak to a man and woman who were in a black vehicle in the car park at the time of the collision. The male witness is described as being young, white and is seen to run after the suspect's car following the collision. Officers would also like to speak to a woman who was a passenger in the black car who may have witnessed the collision.

She is described as being white with long blonde hair tied up in a ponytail. Detective Constable Steve Gunney, of Barry CID, said: "I would urge these three witnesses to get in contact with us as we believe they may hold vital information to assist this investigation. They can get in contact by calling 101 quoting reference 1900249343 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

## AM should 'use her influence to stop proposed closure of hospital ward'

**AM Jane Hutt met the chair, Malcolm Latham, and chief officer Stephen Allen of South Glamorgan Community Health Council last week to discuss the proposal by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to close Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital.**

Ms Hutt said: "I have met staff and visited the Sam Davies Ward, to talk to patients and carers and I have raised my deep concerns about the proposals to close the ward with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. I have called for full public consultation about their plans in line with South Glamorgan Community Health Council's formal procedures."

"This has to start with an engagement process with all those affected. It is clear that this cannot start until the CHC have seen the planned proposals. This has not been made available. I was pleased to clarify that the current timescale for

engagement activity is unlikely and that the CHC will be closely monitoring the engagement process."

Stephen Allen said: "South Glamorgan Community Health Council are still awaiting final confirmation of the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board's plans for Frail Older People's Services in the Vale of Glamorgan, which include the relocation of the Sam Davies Ward from Barry Hospital to Llandough."

"We have agreed with the Health Board in principle for a series of public engagement events to be held in the Vale of Glamorgan area to hear the public's views on the proposals. We have advised the Health Board that we require the final confirmation on the Health Board proposals by our meeting to be held on October 4; currently we are awaiting a formal reply from the Health Board."

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has also backed local residents in their calls to save the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital. He said there was clearly

widespread local opposition to the plans, and called on Vale AM Jane Hutt to use her influence within the Welsh Labour Government to put a stop to the proposals.

He said: "I am deeply concerned by plans to close the Sam Davies Ward, and discussed them with the Community Health Council when we met recently. It is clear there is widespread local opposition to the proposals, and they should not go ahead."

"In Jane Hutt, the Vale has a Labour Assembly Member who also serves in the Welsh Government. I call on her to use her influence with cabinet colleagues to put a stop to these plans and stand up for the people of Barry."

In just three weeks, 5,000 people have signed UNISON's petition to keep open the threatened Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital.

Healthcare workers at the hospital launched a petition on July 23.

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## Touchdown cleared for take off at airport

**CARDIFF Airport has recently launched an initiative entitled 'The Touchdown Programme' delivering an action plan across four key areas.**

A 'Charity Of The Year' will be selected to benefit from a number of fundraising activities across the airport; Cardiff Airport in the Community – a grant scheme with three tiered levels of funding available; The Learning Programme – further developing the current successful educational visit scheme for schools, extra-curricular groups and other community clubs;

For more on this story, turn to Page 9.

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## Vale Show 'the best in Wales'

**H**ERE in the Vale, we are blessed with hosting what is in my unbiased opinion Wales' best one-day agricultural show.

This year's Vale Show certainly lived up to that reputation, with something on offer for all the family.

A few very heavy showers aside, there was very little that I would have changed about the event, and that is testament to the excellent job show secretary Sarah Fenner and the whole team did.

I would like to congratulate all competitors who picked up prizes throughout the day, and thank everyone who helped make the event the success it was.

I'm already looking forward to Wednesday, August 12, 2020, which is of course the date of next year's show!

Andrew RT Davies, South Wales Central Regional AM.

• See photographs from the Vale Show on Pages 26 and 27.

## Blue bags? Bin there; done that

**O**N any given recycling day throughout Barry there are the contents of the plastic bags, torn open by seagulls trying to get at the food that has been hidden inside instead of being placed in the correct containers.

I have seen dirty nappies, sanitary products etc all non-recyclable. The council does not pick this up and nor should they. It's the same few people who participate in this practice.

As regards the rush to get the blue bags, these have been available for close to a year, I have been using them with no problems and with the velcro strip this keeps the contents secure.

Recycling? Bring it on.

Ashley Wallace,  
Barry.

## Dropped kerbs are there for a reason!

**O**H dear oh dear, motorists getting a ticket for parking across a dropped kerb - it will spoil their day. I'm not an argumentative sort Mr Tucker but I must take issue with that.

Does it not matter that a family with young children in prams or pushchairs, or less able family members in wheelchairs will have their day spoilt because thoughtless, selfish drivers park across the dropped kerbs and make it unnecessarily difficult for them to negotiate the pavements, when especially those pushing wheelchairs are trying to give a disabled relative a day out?

The dropped kerbs are there to make life easier for people with pushchairs, prams and wheelchairs. I make no apologies Mr Tucker: this is something I feel very strongly about. Just under a year ago I was involved in an accident which left me with a brain injury. My 'disability' is largely invisible - I look perfectly normal but I have difficulties with my co-ordination and my balance. I have to be very careful.

Every time there is a sunny day or a special event Barry island is full of cars parked inconsiderately and frankly, I get brassed off having to walk around cars blocking pavements and crossing places because the driver is too tight to pay to use the car

park provided.

If a driver gets a fixed penalty fine for parking in a way that causes an obstruction especially on the pavement - which is intended for pedestrians; or a dropped kerb - which is intended to make life a little easier for mothers pushing their child in a pushchair and for relatives of disabled people in wheelchairs - then that is their fault for making the decision - and it is a deliberate decision - to park inconsiderately in the wrong place in the first place.

Let's have a little thought for those on the pavement, who have as much right to some consideration and appropriate facilities as motorists.

David Alexander  
Barry Island

## An opportunity not to be missed...

**N**OW that the town walls have been revealed in all their glory, followed by the announcement of the closure of the livestock market, there is now a once in a lifetime opportunity for an imaginative plan for The Butts and the market area to be considered as a whole.

Clearly there is need for more car parking in Cowbridge, but the potentially depressing effect of this could be mitigated by appropriate landscaping including attractive and safe provision for pedestrians. The Butts area could for example be landscaped to enhance the view of the town walls from the High Street and perhaps give the impression of a boulevard.

I fully agree with your previous correspondents' letters regarding the unsuitability of the siting of the proposed Exchange building alongside the Market Place restaurant.

It is worth noting the comments of the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historic Monuments: "Grade II listed building - 'extremely rare example of town house retaining medieval features on important site in conservation area. The walls to The Butts are along the line of the Medieval walls of Cowbridge, and incorporate in their footings parts of the old walls'".

The proposed building would be close to the difficult junction on to the High Street. Inevitably it would attract vehicles to temporarily stop on the road to load and unload people and goods thereby causing congestion. On a market day there could be as many vans as stallholders.

In summary, devise a comprehensive plan for this important area of Cowbridge including the livestock market site, The Butts and the area behind Old Hall - the first step being to re-locate the Exchange building back to the market area as originally proposed.

John Sherwood  
Cowbridge

## 'Has UHW taken any action in the last two years?'

**I** had a similar experience in the surgical unit at UHW in October 2017 and subsequently wrote to complain.

# Readers' Letters

Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, at Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL or email [editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk](mailto:editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk)

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**In no way did I complain about the medical treatment but the sheer discomfort I experienced in the 9 hours I spent there. Chairs were uncomfortable and placed in corridors with nowhere quiet, and the noise was horrible and constant. The water cooler empty, and it was utter chaos.**

I suggested that a member of senior management sat there for a couple of days to experience for themselves but obviously nothing has been done.

I pity all those poor patients who have been through the unit in the last 18 months and despair that my comments were not looked in to.

Looks like nothing has been done to alleviate the problems.

Jenny Evans  
Barry

## Contradictions over disability access in Bridgend

**I** read with interest that Bridgend County Borough Council has had a crackdown on people illegally using Blue Badges [See Page 4] - in some cases people using the parking card of a dead relative.

This is in line with the extending of the national Blue Badge scheme to include hidden disabilities, such as being learning disabled and autism. I applaud this. It is not a luxury to some, but a necessity to enable access to social and work opportunities.

However, there seems to be a disjointed approach within BCBC. I lobbied for accessible Changing Place facilities in Bridgend, and whilst I was successful in Bridgend town centre, with a Changing Place being installed in Bridgend Life Centre, the new Watersports Centre in Porthcawl has failed to have one included in the design. The Centre is described as 'World Class'. However, I doubt that something can be described as World Class when it excludes many people from accessing the wonderful watersports which can be found at one of Britain's cleanest and most accessible beaches.

During the planning process, I recommended that one should be installed, but this plea for inclusivity was ignored.

On Disability Sports Wales website, BCBC endorses a board riders association that provides surfing sessions either part or wholly funded by BCBC for children with a range of disabilities who require 1:1 help. One wonders how their needs for dignified changing facilities can be met.

Cllr Carolyn Webster (Newcastle  
Bridgend County Borough Council)

## 'No such thing as 'single use' plastics'

**I** READ with interest the letters in The GEM of Thursday, August 8, and it only compounded my anger.

I pack my recycling into bags to stop it being blown away in the wind, just like others who wrote in to The GEM.

It also prevents wildlife from getting stuck in

empty containers or swallowing wrappers. Despite them being washed, they retain the smell of food and hungry animals often get stuck in bottles and tins, and all too often we hear of animals dying with their stomachs full of plastic.

Also, it is incorrect to say that carrier bags cannot be recycled. Polyethylene is very much recyclable. This is simply the Council wanting to pick and choose what it takes from our waste to save themselves the effort of doing their job.

There is no such thing as "single use" plastics.

Mrs Z von Fleuger,  
Barry.

## It's time to target pavement parkers

**I** would like to reply to the readers letter from Mark Tucker which featured in The Gem dated 8th August, as follows:-

How lovely it was to see 'a small number' of illegally and obstructive cars being ticketed for parking over dropped kerbs. It's a shame the pavement parkers weren't ticketed as well.

Unfortunately, Mr. Tucker, if you are disabled and need to use a dropped kerb, or even walk along the pavement with a guide dog unhindered you can't just have 'a day off' and perhaps The Vale needs more enforcement officers - not less.

Would it really harm fit and able bodied drivers to park safely and legally just a little further away? - be they runners or spectators? Then, perhaps, they wouldn't spoil their own day or that of anyone with a disability, whose only choice - if they can't get off the pavement - is to go home and remain housebound! Now, that really is a spoilt day!

Name and address supplied

## Area in 'sorry state'

**I** HAVE just returned from a walk around Maesteg and Caerau - an area I have lived in for many years.

However, when I see the condition of the area with overgrown weeds, broken pavements, and exposed to fly tipping, I wonder who is responsible for allowing our town to be in such a dreadful state, dilapidated and overgrown area suffering from neglect?

Steve Jones,  
Maesteg.

## Have your say on all the local issues - write to the Gem's letters' page

### HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

### UNTIL AUGUST 22

Date	Time	Height (metres)
15/08/2019	07.29	9.2
15/08/2019	19.46	9.4
16/08/2019	08.03	9.2
16/08/2019	20.12	9.5
17/08/2019	08.37	9.4
17/08/2019	20.52	9.5
18/08/2019	09.06	9.4
18/08/2019	21.23	9.4
19/08/2019	09.35	9.3
19/08/2019	21.52	9.2
20/08/2019	10.04	9.1
20/08/2019	22.23	9.0
21/08/2019	10.37	8.9
21/08/2019	22.54	8.7
22/08/2019	11.09	8.6
22/08/2019	23.33	8.3

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# Years of service to the Sea Cadets honoured



Barry Sea Cadets with Lieutenant Ashleigh Taylor and Lieutenant Commander Peter Killick.

**BARRY** Sea Cadets have held a presentation evening to thank Lieutenant (SCC) Ashleigh Taylor RNR for her 12 years of service, as an adult, to the Sea Cadets and to wish her the best as she devotes more time to her family.

the district officer for life. At the age of 14 I could not have had South Wales Lieutenant I went on a voyage on Commander (SCC) *Royalist* and it was life sorry to be leaving." Barry Sea Cadets parade on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings at the Barry Community Water Activity Centre in Barry Dock. If you are interested in joining them, get in touch at barryseacadets@gmail.com.

Also present was has really enhanced my given me experiences AS

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Application No./Rhif y cais:	2019/00833/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Repairs and alterations to footbridge at Cogan Railway Station
Location:/Lleoliad:	Cogan Railway Station, Station Approach Road, Penarth
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II
Application No./Rhif y cais:	2019/00835/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Renovation of existing barn and lean-to plus construction of free-standing covered storage area with access route to provide holiday let accommodation
Location:/Lleoliad:	Llanmihangel Cottage, Llanmihangel
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II
Application No./Rhif y cais:	2019/00849/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Alter windows to water tower
Location:/Lleoliad:	Penllyn Castle, Penllyn
Listed Building/Adeilad Rhedredig	Grade II

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Location:/Lleoliad:	Land at Model Farm, Port Road, Rhosce

### May affect a Public Right of Way / Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./Rhif y cais:	2019/00783/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Provision of 6 holiday log cabins, treatment plant drainage and associated works
Location:/Lleoliad:	Llanquian Road, Aberthryn
Application No./Rhif y cais:	2019/00871/OUT
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## Weekend work planned for Cadoxton Station

**OVER** three weekends in August, Network Rail and their principal contractor, Alun Griffiths will reach a key milestone in the 'Access for All' project at Cadoxton station as they lift the newly built footbridge, lift towers and associated support columns into place.

To allow Network Rail engineers to safely carry out this work, the station car park will temporarily close to all traffic on August 17-18 and 24-25.

Throughout this phase the station will remain open to passengers and rail services will not be affected as the work will be carried out overnight.

However, as the car park will be closed, pedestrians will have to access the station via Little Moors Hill, not

via Station Road.

Those with less mobility and passengers with prams will be able to access the station via Station Road and residents will still be able to access their garages in the car park. A site access controller will be situated at the road closure point to escort those with less mobility and passengers with prams to the station and residents to their garages.

The car park will be temporarily closed for the bridge lifts on the following dates and times: from 12am on Saturday, August 17 to 5am on Monday, August 19 and from 12am on Saturday, August 24 to 5am on Monday, August 26.

A three-way traffic management system will be in operation at the junction of Station Road with Little Moors Hill so we can safely transport the crane and materials to site.

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## Water workers help to clean up Porthkerry Country Park



A job well done!

**STAFF** from Welsh Water, along with their contractors working on a £2.5 million upgrade scheme to improve the wastewater system in Nant Talwg, recently helped to organise a litter pick in Porthkerry Country Park. Welsh Water staff worked with Porthkerry Country Park's ranger, Melanie Stewart, to organise the event which was also well supported by local residents. The water company wanted to help give something back to the community while they carry out their investment work to replace over a kilometre of wastewater pipes in the area.



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## Crackdown sees 20 blue badges confiscated

A TWO-day crackdown on the misuse of the blue badge scheme in Bridgend saw 20 badges taken away from people.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said the majority of fraud involved people using someone else's badge to avoid paying for parking. In one case, someone was using a badge that had already been reported as lost or stolen, and in another, a relative was using a blue badge despite the fact that the eligible badge holder was deceased.

The enforcement work was carried out by the local authority in partnership with a

specialist team from Portsmouth City Council. It involved hundreds of badges being checked on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. In total 15 people were fined and the council said further action was "under consideration".

At an audit committee on August 8, finance officers said there was more misuse than the council had expected and it had probably "only scratched the surface" of the issue.

By law, blue badges can only be displayed in a vehicle if the badge holder is present in the car when it arrives or parks. It cannot be borrowed or used if they are not in the vehicle.

## New Wales Coast Path app launches in time for family summer holidays



Families are encouraged to download the app for an augmented reality tour of the Welsh coast.

THIS summer it is easier than ever to have a great family day out along the Wales Coast Path with the introduction of a new free augmented reality (AR) app.

The app has been launched to encourage families from across south Wales to get outdoors during the summer holidays and to ensure the region's fantastic views, glorious wildlife diversity, fascinating history and wondrous

legends are brought to life using augmented reality, games and other fun features. In Cardiff Bay, the new AR app will allow walkers to use their mobile devices to enjoy exciting new experiences such as learning about

Guglielmo Marconi and the world's first wireless communication. While walking around Cardiff Bay, bid farewell to Scott of the Antarctic and his crew as they embark on their voyage of discovery, with the Welsh dragon flying high from the ship's mast. Five

miles off the coast of Cardiff explore the rich history of Flat Holm featuring Mediaeval monks, pirates and Vikings.

A series of new family-friendly walks have also been created and are accessible via the Wales Coast Path website. Take the three-mile route from the Welsh Assembly's Senedd building along Cardiff Bay's waterfront, and look out for the experience panel near the famous Roald Dahl crocodile bench along the way. Download the app before you arrive and

use your mobile phone to scan one of the experience panels to unlock a range of interactive features and augmented reality animations. The app is available free via the Apple App Store (iOS devices) and Google Play (Android devices), searchable using 'Wales Coast Path'. Download the app before arrival or while walking the path, to unlock content at chosen locations. The app uses GPS track location in real life and triggers augmented reality animations at different points.

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## Celebration for inspired adult learners



Adult learners recently received their Inspire awards.

THE Vale Council's Art Central gallery hosted the annual Inspire Learner Awards, which recognise the achievements of adult learners across Cardiff and the Vale.

Organised by the Vale and Cardiff Adult Learning Network, the event was attended by more than 100 guests from partnership organisations that provide learning and volunteering opportunities.

Each year the network takes part in the annual Adult Learners Week festival, organised by Learning and Work Institute Wales, with the Inspire Awards the culmination.

Those shortlisted for awards had been nominated by tutors, mentors and staff after participating in a wide range of learning and training opportunities, including Essential Skills Maths and English, First Steps Engagement Learning, vocational training, computer and Welsh courses.



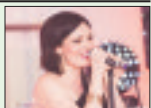
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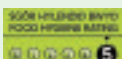


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## Save Fonmon Pond fund receives cash boost

**VOLUNTEERS** from the Save Fonmon Pond group got a significant boost in funds and support from the thousands of visitors at the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show in Fonmon castle grounds recently.

The group held competitions for children to hook rubber ducks out of water and to name the group's duck mascot.

The winner was six-year-old Elliott Jones,

from near Stratford-upon-Avon, who named the duck 'Bill'.

Three other winners of toy ducks were chosen by Fonmon Castle Estate owner Nigel Ford for their duck names: Eli Tucker (3), 'Quack, Quack'; McKenzie Shearan (8), 'Harri' and Georgia Park (9), 'Quackers'.

The event raised more than £600 which will be used to help rescue the duck pond which has been at the heart of the hamlet of Fonmon for more than a century.

The pond is in jeopardy because of leaks from the base and surrounding walls and is losing 3,500 gallons each day.

The ducklings and water fowl have either died or the pond is at risk of becoming dry and stagnant without help from the members of 'Save Fonmon Pond'.

A group formed, made up of mainly local residents, is undertaking a large scale restoration project which is expected to cost in the region of £20,000.

So far they have raised over £10,000 of this target with the help and generosity of local residents and

businesses.

Denise Cooper, who started the Save Fonmon Group, said: "We started our fund-raising and awareness campaign a year ago."

"From the outset there was a huge swell of concern about the terrible state of the pond but we've been truly bowled over by the level of interest and enthusiasm for the restoration work over the past few months."

"This summer's fundraising events and donations from individuals have boosted our funds considerably."

Denise said that volunteers have cleared silt, debris, stones and vegetation with help from RWE Aberthaw Power Station and a team of local construction workers.

The group is interested in hearing from those who have the expertise, machinery and manpower to assist with the puddle clay lining process, because this is a substantial undertaking for a group of community volunteers.

For further information on Fonmon Pond, how to get involved and what the group is doing to restore it, email [fonmonpond@gmail.com](mailto:fonmonpond@gmail.com).

### CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972 ADRAN 123 (2A) TIR YN CAEAU CHWARAE KING GEORGE V LLANDOCHAU FACH

HYSBYSIR DRWY HYN fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu prydlesu tir sydd ag arwynebedd o 363 metr sgwâr ym Maes Chwarae King George V, Llandochoau Fach sy'n ffurfio rhan o fan agored i Gyngor Cymuned Llandochoau. Bydd y tir yn cael ei ddefnyddio i ddarparu ardal gemau amlddefnydd.

Gall cynllun sy'n dangos y tir sydd i'w brydlesu gael ei archwilio yn y Swyddfeydd Dinesig, Holton Road, Y Barri, CF63 4RU ystod oriau swyddfa arferol.

Rhaid i wrthwynebiadau i'r brydles arfaethedig gael eu gwneud yn ysgrifenedig, gan ddatgan y rhesymau dros wrthwynebu o'r fath a'u cyfeirio at y Rheolwr Gweithredol, Gwasanaethau Cymdogaeth, Byw'n lach a Pherfformiad, Depo Court Court, Barry Road Y Barri CF62 9BG erbyn dim hwyrach na 30 Awst 2019.

Dyddiad: 8 Awst 2019

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### THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123 (2A) LAND AT KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS LLANDOUGH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to lease land having an area of approximately 363m2 square metres at King George V Playing Field, Llandoough which forms part of an open space to the Llandoough Community Council. The land will be used to provide a multi-use games area.

A plan identifying the land to be leased may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended lease must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objection and addressed to the Operational Manager, Neighbourhood Services, Healthy Living and Performance, Court Road Depot, Barry Road Barry CF62 9BG by no later than 30 August 2019.

Dated: 8 August 2019

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Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services





## Penarth man prosecuted for selling fake goods

A Penarth man has been found guilty of selling unsafe cosmetics, counterfeit goods and jewellery breaching hall-marking requirements following a Trading Standards investigation for the Vale Council.

Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) began investigating Sean Payter after receiving a complaint from the Assay Office, the body responsible for testing and hallmarking precious metals.

The Assay Office had carried out a test purchase from gem2gems, a company operated by Payter and Stefan Hodgson from Newport, that sold jewellery on eBay.

It revealed that an item was not silver as described and did not contain the advertised gem stones. Further testing by SRS found that other items of jewellery were also misdescribed and that cosmetics being sold were unsafe and possibly infringed

trademarks.

After executing a warrant for the home of Payter, SRS officers seized jewellery, cosmetics and £12,845 in cash. Payter and Hodgson had been trading for five years and ran a website called gem2gems.co.uk buying items such as necklaces, bracelets, bangles and earrings from a website in China without verifying that they were as described.

Counterfeit cufflinks and belts were also identified along with cosmetics that weren't safe to be used.

Payter, from St Davids Crescent in Penarth and Hodgson, of Park Drive Newport, both pleaded guilty to 12 offences in total; two under Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations, six under the Hallmarking Act, two under Cosmetic Product Enforcement Regulations and two under the Trademarks Act. They were sentenced to a total of 20 months in prison, reduced to 14 months for early guilty pleas, suspended for 18 months. They must also pay a

victim surcharge of £140 each and Mr Payter will face an investigation under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Judge Nicola Jones told the men if it wasn't for their ill health both would have been sent to prison.

She said that this was a large-scale, sophisticated business and that the defendants did not care that the cosmetic products they were selling were unsafe. She was concerned that there was no way to recall the offending goods from their customers, with complaints and refunds requests ignored.

Cllr Eddie Williams, Chair of the SRS Joint Committee and Vale of Glamorgan Council Cabinet Member for Legal, Regulatory and Planning Services, said: "This case should serve as a warning to others operating illegally within our community. The Council will actively look to protect our residents and will not hesitate to take action if we find people are not operating within the parameters of the law."

## 'Save a Life' this September



**ST John Cymru Wales' 'Save a Life September' initiative is a drive to raise awareness of the importance of first aid.**

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As Wales' leading first aid charity St John Cymru wants everyone to have the first aid skills to deal with an emergency

situation and achieve St John's goal of 3,000 new lifesavers, as part of the Save a Life September initiative.

Throughout September, the charity will be delivering hundreds of free two hour training sessions at schools, training centres and businesses across Wales.

The public will learn how to save a life using easy to follow techniques and will be awarded a St John Cymru Certificate.

There will be free first aid training sessions held in Bridgend, Porthcawl and Maesteg and full details of registration during September, locally and throughout Wales are available at [www.stjohn.wales/savealife](http://www.stjohn.wales/savealife) or call 0345 678 5646 for more information.

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## Business park plan for Model Farm

**FOLLOWING a recent public consultation process, Legal & General (Strategic Land) Ltd have now submitted an outline planning application to the Vale Council for a proposed business park at Model Farm, Port Road, Rhoose.**

The application proposes over 1.5 million square feet of high quality office, light industrial, warehousing and distribution space, which will be targeted towards businesses from the aviation and hi-tech manufacturing sectors should planning permission be granted.

The site forms part of the St Athan-Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone, designated by Welsh Government in 2012 to target and grow aerospace and defence related investment and utilise local skills. The application also seeks to provide habitat for local wildlife, as well as retaining existing hedgerows and ancient woodland.

As part of the proposals, 103 acres (42 hectares) of land is being transferred to the Vale Council for an extension to Porthkerry Country Park.

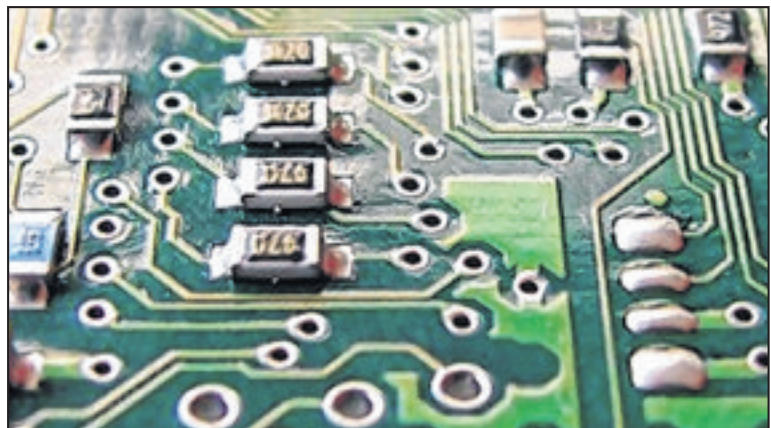
RPS, Legal & General's planning agent, received over 300 representations as a result of

the public consultation and Sebastian Balcombe, strategic land manager for Legal & General said: "It was really encouraging to receive so much feedback, both at the public exhibition and through the course of the 28-day consultation period.

"While not all was positive, it has helped us to refine the scheme and make improvements. The site has been allocated for development in the Local Development Plan since 2017 and is also part of the enterprise zone. Legal & General are eager to play our part in the growth of the enterprise zone and continue our investment in south Wales.

The scheme will bring much needed jobs to the area both during construction and once operators are in place and we are working closely with Cardiff Airport and Cardiff and Vale College to promote the area for business. "It is also great that we can add to Porthkerry Park, which we know is a much loved facility by local residents."

The application documents can be viewed at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk). A hard copy is also being made available at Rhoose Library. Legal & General are hoping for a decision by the end of the year.



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### Free tax advice

If you are worried about your tax affairs, Age Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop run a free monthly tax advice surgery available to anyone over the age of 50.

A session will be held on Monday, August 19 from 9.30am - 11.30am; no appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information, home visits can be arranged if needed.

### Free legal advice

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale will hold a free legal advice session at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, August 20 from 10am to 12pm.

If you need advice on Will Making, Power of Attorney, Living Wills etc then just come along and chat to a legal team based in Barry. No appointment is needed. Call 01446 732385 for further information.



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### Ward councillors surgery

THE Labour councillors for Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland and Court wards will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery on Saturday, August 17 in the Small Community Room, Barry Library, Kings Square from 10am until 11am; no appointment necessary.

### Gileston Manor open day

GILESTON Manor grounds and gardens Open Day is on Sunday, August 18 at Gileston Manor, near St Athan from 2pm to 4pm.

The event is being held to raise funds for Gileston Church and to be followed by a short Songs of Praise service on the Manor lawn at 4.30pm, with music provided by the St Athan Voluntary Band. Entry fee £5, children free, refreshments available to purchase. Everyone most welcome.



# Busy summer for Barry Beavers



Members of Barry Beavers were joined by family, friends, guests and two coaches of fellow swimming clubs from Blaenau and Gwent.

## BARRY Beavers Disabled Swimming Club held its fourth annual 'Party in the Park' on August 4 at Porthkerry Park.

The entertainment and barbecue were provided by club volunteers and members, and Mayor Cllr Margaret Wilkinson presented prizes and judged the competitions. The club had an outing

to Longleat Safari Park on August 17, and the club would like to thank all the volunteers and members of the community who support this.

Swimming sessions start on September 14 at 3.30pm at Barry Leisure Centre; members of all ages are welcome. Contact Patricia Finch on 07517 121729 for further information.

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## Emergency Snow Clearance in the Vale of Glamorgan

The Vale of Glamorgan Council is looking for local farmers to assist in emergency snow clearance during the winter months, October 2019 to March 2020.

Interested parties should contact the Vale of Glamorgan Council via C1V:

Telephone: 01446 700017

E-mail: visible@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Expressions of Interest should be made by: **12:00 Noon on Friday 23rd August 2019.**

Please quote reference 'ESC19/20', giving your name and full contact details.

The Council will then contact interested parties directly with further information.

Operational Manager - Engineering

Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

## Gwaith Clirio Eira Brys ym Mro Morgannwg

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## Summer term ending on a high note for choir

### B A R R Y Community Choir ended the summer term on two very high notes.

The first was the annual summer concert, Sing a Song of Summer on July 21 which included new songs, a selection of beautifully sung pieces from guest soprano Grace Farrell, and a 'good luck with the baby' cake and baby products basket presented to conductor Emma Arscott as she departs on maternity leave.

The second was the choir dinner which was held at the Seashore Grill, Sully on July 31. The choir was entertained by the resident DJ and also by some of the choir members during a karaoke session.

In between these two events, the choir found time to perform to patients on the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital, and received a very warm welcome. The choir resumes

rehearsals for the winter concert on Wednesday, September 4 at the usual venue of Crossway Methodist Church Hall, Barry from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The first Wednesday of every month is when we also enjoy a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits. This term we will be joined by Sully-based organist and pianist, Robert Lloyd, as accompanist in place of Sian Davies. Sian will be taking over the conductor's baton while Emma is on maternity leave.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way during the year and those who continue to support us in our effort to bring pleasure to the community.

For further information, take a look at our website and/or Facebook page: [www.barrycommunitychoir.com](http://www.barrycommunitychoir.com); [info@barrycommunitychoir.com](mailto:info@barrycommunitychoir.com); or just come along on any Wednesday.

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Lela Patterson set up the social group after attending a course in Llantwit Major.

## Barry woman sets up social group for local blind and partially sighted people

A YOUNG woman from Barry is hosting a new social group for blind and partially sighted young adults in the area.

Lela Patterson (22), who volunteers for RNIB Cymru, is working with the charity to set up the new group aimed at adults aged 18-50. It will offer a fun, friendly environment for people to meet, chat and play board games.

The social group will be held for the first time at the Barry YMCA Hub Café on Friday, August 16 from 10am until 12pm. Friends, family and carers are also welcome to attend.

Lela, who has been blind since birth was inspired to set up the social group after attending a ReBUILD work-shop course in Llantwit Major. The four-week

course is designed to help young people to build confidence, social skills and self-esteem through volunteering and community projects.

Lela said: "It is important for blind and partially sighted people to feel connected at all ages. Being part of a community can make you feel really good about yourself and your abilities."

"I don't get out much in Barry so it can be hard to make new friends, especially as a lot of people my age don't know how to react to blind people."

"The ReBUILD course has been so helpful. I've developed new social skills and great friendships, and it has made me want to do more in my own neighbourhood."

For more information, contact Eleanor Rothwell at Eleanor. rothwell@rnib.org.uk or 07702821915.

## GORCHYMYN CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 40MYA CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG (PENDOYLAN LANE (RHAN) CLIRFFORDD WLEDIG 24 AWR) (A48 (RHAN) PENDOYLAN LANE (RHAN) AC A4226 (RHAN) 2019

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Insert into map schedules AB42 AB43 AC43  
Gorchymyn Cyfyngiad Clirffordd Wledig 24 awr

### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson, ac eithrio yn unol â chyfarwyddiadau neu â chaniatâd Cwnstabl yr Heddlu mewn iwniform neu Warden Traffig yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i unrhyw gerbyd stopio ar unrhyw adeg ar y darn o briffordd a ddisgrifir yn Atodlen 2.

### ATODLEN 2

Pendoylan Lane, Tresimwn.

O bwynt 45 metr tua'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â'r A48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 340 metr.

Insert into map schedules AB42 AB43 AC43 AC44 AC45.

Gorchymyn Cyfyngiad Cyflymdder 40mya

### ATODLEN 3

Ni fydd unrhyw berson yn achosi neu'n caniatáu i gerbyd deithio'n gyflymach na 40 m.y.a. yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn Atodlen 4 isod.

### ATODLEN 4

A48 Tresimwn.

O bwynt sydd tua 483 metr o'r dwyrain o ganol y gyffordd â Maes-y-Ffynnon tua'r dwyrain am 1000 metr yn gydgysylltddol â'r cyfyngiad 30 mya trwy Sain Nicolas.

Pendoylan Lane, Tresimwn.

O gyffordd yr A48 tua'r gogledd-orllewin am 385 metr.

A4226, 'Lôn Pum Milltir', Tresimwn.

O gyffordd yr A48 tua'r de-ddwyrain am 95 metr.



Dyddiedig 15 Awst 2019  
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Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Yr Alpau, Gwenfô CF5 6AA.

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (PENDOYLAN LANE (PART) 24 HOUR RURAL CLEARWAY) (A48 (PART) PENDOYLAN LANE (PART) AND A4226 (PART) 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ORDER 2019

- On the 12th August 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1(1), 2, 2(1), 2(2), 2(3) and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.
- The Order will come into operation on the 19th August 2019 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Pendoylan Lane (Part) 24 Hour Rural Clearway) (A48 (Part) Pendoylan Lane (Part) and A4226 (Part) 40mph Speed Restriction Order 2019. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 19th August 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Insert into map schedules AB42 AB43 AC43  
24 Hr. Rural Clearway Restriction Order.

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall except upon the direction or with the permission of a Police Constable in uniform or a Traffic Warden cause or permit any vehicle to stop at any time on the length of highway as described in Schedule 2.

### SCHEDULE 2

Pendoylan Lane, Bonvilston.

From a point 45 metres north west of its junction with the A48 in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 340 metres.

Insert into map schedules AB42 AB43 AC43 AC44 AC45.  
40mph Speed Restriction Order.

### SCHEDULE 3

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than 40 miles per hour in the locations specified in Schedule 4 below.

### SCHEDULE 4

A48 Bonvilston.

From a point approximately 483 metres east of the centre of its junction with Maes-y-Ffynnon in an easterly direction for a distance of 1000 metres contiguous with the 30 mph restriction through St Nicholas.

Pendoylan Lane Bonvilston.

From the junction of A48 in a north-westerly direction for a distance of 385 Metres.

A4226 'Five Mile Lane' Bonvilston.

From the junction of A48 in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 95 Metres

Dated this 15th day of August 2019.  
Director of Environment & Housing  
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA



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## News from the Fonmon Apiary

**WEATHER** patterns are beginning to change, but all of the bee colonies are still very active.

Heavy rain does confine the bees to their hives. On days when the wind is noticeably fresh it can affect the flying ability of a bee; however, the days are shortening and the gathering of pollen and nectar is pursued whenever conditions will allow.

I have taken off some supers (boxes) of honey and there are more supers ready for removal. The removal of these super boxes has a twofold purpose. As many people are aware, Fonmon Castle now has new owners and my apiary in the orchard is not really suitable any more due to greater access by the public, so a move is on the agenda. The new owners are very much for the bees and a new site on the estate has been selected.

Moving the colonies will not take place until winter has arrived – honeybees do not hibernate. A reduction in the number of occupants in each hive will occur over the coming months from the present 70,000 down to some 8,000, so by November I will have the colonies in just two boxes each. This size reduction is quite normal and providing that each

of the boxes contains a full complement of stores ie sealed over honey and pollen, the bees will cope with the coming winter.

Supers of honey have been removed and once spun out, they are put back on to the hives for the bees to clean up. Once they are cleaned, I remove them and store them for the winter. This size reduction gives me a unit that can be easily handled and when lower temperatures set in, the bees will not venture out, so it is a good time for the move.

Each hive will have the entrance sealed temporarily and a security strap will keep floor and boxes firmly together during the transport to the new apiary site.

The new apiary site is absolutely ideal, and all labour and materials have been provided by the new owners of Fonmon – all I have to do is prepare a solid paving slab base ready to receive each of the hives. As with my old site, I can drive up to it.

A super of honey can weigh 25 kilos, so the less distance you have to carry one of them, the better. No foragers will be out in winter and come spring, the old bees will die out and the new bees that will be raised will readily take to their new location.

Harold Williams

## Specialist college celebrates student successes

**THE success of young people with autism spectrum conditions (ASC) has been celebrated at a specialist further education college in the Vale.**

Beechwood College in Sully, a specialist day and residential service for young people over the age of 16 with an autism spectrum or Asperger's Syndrome has hosted its annual Students' Awards Day.

The families of 57 day and residential students travelled

from across Wales and England to watch the presentation of certificates.

A parent of one of the students at the College, said: "What is very important to us is that Beechwood is a very transparent organisation and we feel our son is in safe hands with them, as safeguarding is the number one priority for us."

"We see Beechwood as an extension to our house and we are all part of the same family."

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# Fraudster sentenced for fake police officer scam

**A FRAUDSTER who scammed more than £20,000 from elderly victims is today starting a two-year custodial term.**

Kye Harwood, 19, from London, was arrested in February following an investigation by detectives into a series of scams where fraudsters purport to be police officers conning elderly victims into handing over thousands of pounds.

Harwood pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud by false representation at a previous hearing and was sentenced at Cardiff Crown Court to 24 months in a young offenders institution. The defendant was part of a group who used a sophisticated and well-rehearsed scam which has been replicated across the UK.

Targeting vulnerable people with cold calls, scammers claim to be police officers, often telling their victims that there has been fraudulent activity on their bank account and that they needed to hand over substantial amounts of money to 'keep safe'.

The court heard a number of scam phone calls were made to residents in Penarth and Cardiff on February 7, 2019.

The three victims, aged between 81 and 96, were defrauded of £22,600.

An 83-year-old woman from Penarth, was defrauded of £4,600; a 96-year-old woman from Cardiff was defrauded of £8,000 and an 81-year-old woman from Penarth was defrauded of £10,000.

The alarm was raised locally by the neighbours of one of the victims

in Penarth, who was concerned to see their neighbour sat with thousands of pounds on the kitchen table, which was due to be collected by a man in a taxi. Thanks to their information, an alert was sent to local taxi firms to keep an eye out for a man matching Harwood's description.

Later on that day, Taxi firm Cab64 called police to report a man was trying to book a taxi to London from Penarth Road in Cardiff. Thanks to their assistance, an officer was sat waiting in the taxi to collect the defendant.

The defendant was arrested and found in possession of £10,000 in bank notes.

Detective Constable Amy Evans, officer in the case, said: "This was a callous and cruel crime in which Harwood preyed on elderly people in our communities. These incidents have had a profound effect upon the victims and has left them questioning who they can trust."

"I would like to thank the neighbours and the taxi firm who both alerted police to their suspicions. As a result of their information and assistance, officers were able to apprehend Harwood. Unfortunately, Harwood is not the only criminal using this type of scam. This is a sophisticated scam which is being used nationally."

"The fraudsters often tell their victims lies to relay to bank staff who question why they are wanting to withdraw significant amounts of cash - such as they are going to buy a car or are going on holiday."



## Dogs Bracken and Bronte join the fun as ramblers take to the beaches of Barry

**A GROUP of nine walkers together with dogs Bracken and Bronte joined their leaders Jan and John at the Bridge Café car park, Cold Knap for the 11th summer evening walk taking in three glorious Barry beaches.**

With heavy rain and storms forecast the group hastily set off at a good pace along Bron y Mor, enjoying the brisk wind taking the edge off the humidity of the day. With views over Cold Knap Lake they turned east along the promenade towards Cold Knap Head down the slipway at Watchtower Bay, to descend onto the rocks and sand where surfboards lay unattended as a group of youngsters were receiving tuition further along the beach.

Crossing the stream and heading across the Old Harbour which contains tidal saltmarsh they climbed steps up onto the late 19th century stone built York breakwater, making their way across the headland in front of Friars Point House, which began its life as the Marine Hotel built by Francis Crawshaw.

This area is classified as an SSSI because the cliffs are made up of carboniferous limestone which is 350 million years old topped by Triassic rocks dating to 205-209 million years ago, and as dogs are not allowed on Whitmore Bay between May and September the group split up with the majority striding out across the firm sand to regroup at the eastern end of the promenade, where they passed



the climbing wall and followed the Clements Colley walk around Nell's Point to Jackson's Bay.

After crossing the beach and climbing up the cliff path to Redbrink Crescent they made their way along Dyfrig Street with its grand views over the old Barry Docklands and the sprawling town of Barry, before descending steps to Battery Hill known locally as the Dock Hill. Then along Clive Place and down Clive Road passing beneath the railway bridge to join Harbour Road or the causeway. Remaining an island until the 1880s, following the coming of the railways with Barry Island railway station being

opened in 1896, the construction of a road formed a link to the mainland with a huge area of water to the north of the causeway known as West Pond, remaining in position until after World War 2 and the land has now been drained and contains a recent housing development.

Entering the Parade Gardens where the lime kilns and remains of a warehouse date back to when a small port was located, adjacent to the Ship Hotel, they made their way back towards the Knap Gardens and arriving at Lakeside, the heavens suddenly opened as they made a run for their cars.

On August 17, meet Cogan Leisure Centre (time from leader or website) to drive to New Inn to catch the train to Abergavenny for the 12-mile linear hard walk back to Pontypool: contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On August 18, a 9-mile easy/moderate circular walk in the Wye Valley from Goodrich will leave Cogan at 9am; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

For up to date information log onto [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com) or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward



## Vale Council goes 'herbicide free'



Ten sites were awarded Green Flag status in the Vale by Keep Wales Tidy.

**THE Vale Council has become the first local authority in Wales to eliminate the use of glyphosate in its parks.**

Called 'Foamstream', the herbicide-free technology

for managing unwanted vegetation is being used by the council across several Vale parks.

Keep Wales Tidy recently awarded Green Flag status – the mark of a top-quality outdoor space – to 10 sites maintained by the

Council, making the Vale one of the best-performing authorities in Wales. Romilly Park, Alexandra Park and Windsor Gardens, Barry Island seafront and Friars Point, Belle Vue Park, Central Park, The Knap gardens, Victoria

Park, Gladstone Park, Cosmeston Country Park, Porthkerry Country Park all received the accolade, and all are maintained with the new system.

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## Exam results are just the start of the story...

**WITH over 56,000 students expected to get their A Level and GCSE results this year, Working Wales, delivered by Careers Wales is the Welsh Government's free service to help people aged 16 and over progress with their career choices and find long-term employment.**

The new service, part-funded by the European Social Fund, provides a single point of contact for young people to access impartial and personalised expert advice, whatever their results.

Working Wales advisers will be on hand during results days to offer help and advice through live web chats, social media and support sessions at dedicated career centres and through its free helpline. Students and their parents, carers and teachers can also access free advice and support online at [www.workingwales.gov.wales](http://www.workingwales.gov.wales).

Data released by Careers Wales in the run-up to results shows that in 2018, 63.51 per cent year 13 school leavers in the Vale progressed to university

while 4.03 per cent went into work-based training or other employment. A further 57.9 per cent pupils in the Vale opted for school after year 11 while 30.1 per cent opted for college at the end of their GCSE studies.

The annual 'Destinations of School Leavers' report surveys students in years 11, 12 and 13 to collect data on their plans for the next year. The latest report shows that pupils who chose full time education after year 11 were more likely to choose college than 6th form, with 6.6 per cent more pupils choosing this route. A higher proportion of females than males chose to remain in school. Most of the cohort from year 11 (92.1 per cent) went into some form of continued learning (in full time education, part time education or work-based training).

In year 13, 76 per cent of respondents went into a form of continued learning, with 59.8 per cent of the cohort progressing into higher education. Of this 7.9 per cent more females than males progressed to higher education. A total of 12.1 per cent of respondents from year 13, and 7.8 per cent of

year 11s entered the labour market either going into employment or work-based training.

Nikki Lawrence, Careers Wales chief executive said: "Our goal is to urge young people not to panic and to make them fully aware of all the options available to them. Whether you're considering going into work, continuing with full-time education or wondering how to make the most of a year out, there are now more options than ever available to young people."

Minister for Education Kirsty Williams said: "Receiving your GCSE or A-level exam results is a major milestone in most people's lives and choosing what to do next can be daunting. It's important to be informed about the options available to you and with Start Your Story, support and advice is there to help you decide what to do next. The best of luck to everyone receiving exam results this summer and however you do, Working Wales is there to help you make the right choice."

For more information, search Working Wales Start Your Story or call free on 0800 028 4844.

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# Airport launches new scheme

**Continued from Page 1.** Community Communication – ensuring we are talking to and listening to the community through a number of ways, including committees and events. Cardiff Airport is committed to making a sustainable positive impact on the community underpinned by its corporate vision 'to be a pioneering airport business, making Wales proud.' Applications are now being taken for charity support and the community grant scheme and the deadline for applications is August 31. The selection process will be completed and announced in November with the view to selecting and having partners in place by January 1.

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We understand the significance of having an airport in the region, and impact that can have on people's lives. Our community is hugely important to us. South Wales is the area where our team and many of our customers live, work and enjoy life so we want to ensure we support the region and give back in as many ways as we can. "Through the new programme we will establish effective, sustainable partnerships and plan activities that make the best use of the energies and skills of the whole airport team." For more information of the Touchdown Programme, application process and criteria visit [www.cardiff-airport.com/touchdown-programme](http://www.cardiff-airport.com/touchdown-programme).

## Choir ends term on a high note

**B A R R Y Community Choir ended the summer term on two very high notes.**

The first was the annual summer concert, *Sing a Song of Summer* on July 21 which included new songs, a selection of pieces from guest soprano Grace Farrell, and a 'good luck with the baby' cake presented to conductor, Emma Arscott, as she departs on maternity leave. The second was the choir dinner at the Seashore Grill, Sully on July 31. In between these two events, the choir found time to perform to patients on the Sam Davies Ward at Barry Hospital, and received a very warm welcome.

The choir resumes rehearsals for the winter concert on Wednesday, September 4 at the usual venue of Crossway

Methodist Church Hall, Barry from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. The first Wednesday of every month is when we also enjoy a chat over coffee/tea and biscuits. This term we will be joined by Sully-based organist and pianist, Robert Lloyd, as accompanist in place of Sian Davies. Sian will be taking over the conductor's baton while Emma is on maternity leave.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way during the year and those who continue to support us in our effort to bring pleasure to the community. For further information, take a look at our website and/or Facebook page: [www.barrycommunitychoir.com](http://www.barrycommunitychoir.com); [info@barrycommunitychoir.com](mailto:info@barrycommunitychoir.com); or just come along on any Wednesday.

## 30th anniversary of farm's summer holiday partnership

**THE Amelia Trust Farm in Barry was founded in 1990 with the goal of creating a community space to provide educational and therapeutic support to disadvantaged and vulnerable people within a 'care farm' setting.**

The farm also serves as a therapeutic countryside sanctuary for the wider public to enjoy. As part of its summer activity, the organisation has partnered with the Wales Co-operative Centre to be part of the Social Summer 2019

campaign, which is encouraging families across Wales to make more use of the wide-range of family-friendly social enterprises over the summer holidays.

The charity celebrated a record-breaking 2018 after welcoming over 20,000 visitors to the farm and has become a favourite with families from across the local area.

Amelia Trust Farm also opened a new farm shop on its premises, which sells local produce, carved wood products and ceramics, some of which have been crafted by the young people the charity supports.

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**Governors are volunteers who work closely with the Headteacher and school staff and are part of the overall leadership and management of a school.**

**Barry Town Council is responsible for appointing Minor Authority Representative (MAR) Governors in local primary schools.**

The role of an MAR is a voluntary, four-year, position which involves attending school meetings and reporting findings to the Council.

The following MAR vacancies are available:

Barry Island Primary  
Cadoston Primary  
Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant

If you are interested in applying, or would like more information, please contact Emily Forbes, Chief Officer (Town Clerk), on 01446 738663 or email: [emilyforbes@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:emilyforbes@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk) by 30th August 2019.

**Ydydych chi'n aelod o'r cyhoedd sy'n angerddol am lesiant eich cymuned ac sy'n awyddus i wneud gwahaniaeth yn Y Barri?**

**Mae llywodraethwyr yn wirfoddolwyr sy'n gweithio'n agos gyda'r Pennaeth a staff yr ysgol ac maent yn rhan o drefn arwain a rheoli gyffredinol yr ysgol.**

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## GORCHYMYN CYFYNGIADAU CYFLYMDER 30, 40 A 50 MYA (A48 (RHAN), RUTHIN ROAD (RHAN), NASH VIEW, B4270, LLANTWIT MAJOR ROAD (RHAN), B4268, LLYSWORNEY ROAD (RHAN)) 2019

- Ar 12 Awst 2019, gwnaeth Cynghor Bro Morgannwg wrth arfer ei bwerau dan Adran 1, 2 ac 84 Ddeddf Rheoleiddio Traffig Ffyrdd 1984 a'r holl bwerau galluogi eraill Orchymyn a fydd yn gorfodi'r hyn a ddisgrifir yn yr Atodlen 1 isod.
- Daw'r Gorchymyn i rym ar 19 Awst 2019 neu ar y dyddiad y bydd yr arwyddion traffig a'r marciau ffordd angenrheidiol mewn lle pa un bynnag ddaw olaf a'i enw fydd Gorchymyn Cynghor Bro Morgannwg Gweithredu a Diddymu Cyfyngiadau Cyflymder 30, 40 a 50 mya (A48 (Rhan), Ruthin Road (Rhan), Nash View, B4270, Llantwit Major Road (Rhan), B4268, Llysworney Road (Rhan)) 2019. Gellir gweld copi o'r Gorchymyn a chynllun yn dangos yr ardaloedd yr effeithir arnynt yn y cyfeiriad isod yn ystod oriau swyddia arferol.
- Os dymunwch gwestiynu dilysrwydd y Gorchymyn neu unrhyw ddarpariaethau ynddo ar y sail nad ydynt yn unol â'r pwerau a ddysarnwyd gan y Ddeddf uchod neu ar y sail na chydymffurfwyd ag unrhyw un o ofynion y Ddeddf, neu unrhyw offeryn a wnaed dan y Ddeddf mewn perthynas â'r Gorchymyn, gallwch, o fewn chwe wythnos o 19 Awst 2019, wneud cais i'r Uchel Lys at y diben hwn.

### ATODLEN 1

Ni fydd unrhyw berson achosi neu'n caniatáu i cerbyd deithio'n gyflymch na'r hyn a nodwyd yn y lleoliadau a nodir yn yr Atodlen 1 isod.

### ATODLEN 2

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Gorchymynion Cyfyngiad Cyflymder Arfaethedig. A48, Pentremeurig. Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 50mya.

O bwynt 348 tua'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â'r B4268, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am oddeutu 600 metr.

O bwynt 252 metr tua'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r B4268, tua'r de-ddwyrain am oddeutu 1432 metr.

**Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya.** O bwynt 348 tua'r gogledd-orllewin o'r gyffordd â'r B4268, tua'r de-ddwyrain am oddeutu 600 metr.

**Nash View, Pentremeurig Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30mya.** O'r gyffordd â Ruthin Road tua'r gorllewin ar ei hyd, pellter o oddeutu 48 metr.

**Ruthin Road, Pentremeurig. Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya.** O'r gyffordd yr A48/Ruthin Road tua'r gogledd am oddeutu 160 metr.

**B4270, Llantwit Major Road, Y Bont-Faen Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya.** O'r lleoliad mae'r cyfyngiad cyflymder 30mya yn dod i ben, sydd oddeutu 175 metr tua'r de-orllewin o Daren Close, y Bont-faen, tua'r gorllewin am oddeutu 406 metr i'r gyffordd â'r B4270, Llanfrynach Drive.

**Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya.** O bwynt 82 metr tua'r de o'r gyffordd â ffordd fynediad Parc Busnes y Fro, tua'r gogledd yn gyffredinol am oddeutu 4300 metr, gan gwmppas Llanfrynach Drive ac yn dod i ben wrth gyffordd yr A48.

**B4268, Llysworney Road Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 30mya.** O'r gyffordd â Llantwit Major Road (Y B4270), tua'r gogledd am oddeutu 364 metr i'r lleoliad mae'r cyfyngiad cyflymder 30mya presennol yn dechrau.

**Gorchymynion Diddymu Cyfyngiadau Cyflymder. A48, Pentremeurig. Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 50mya.** O bwynt 415 tua'r de-ddwyrain o'r gyffordd â'r B4268, tua'r gogledd-orllewin am oddeutu 1070 metr.

**B4270, Llantwit Major Road, Y Bont-Faen Cyfyngiad Cyflymder 40mya.** O'r lleoliad mae'r cyfyngiad cyflymder 30mya presennol yn dod i ben, sydd oddeutu 175 metr tua'r de-orllewin o Daren Close, y Bont-faen, tua'r de-orllewin am oddeutu 1,100 metr.

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## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A48 (PART), RUTHIN ROAD (PART), NASH VIEW, B4270 LLANTWIT MAJOR ROAD (PART) B4268 LLYSWORNEY ROAD (PART) 30, 40 AND 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTION AND REVOCATION ORDER 2019

- On the 12th August 2019 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.
- The Order will come into operation on the 19th August 2019 or on the date that the signs and road markings are in place, whichever is the later and shall be referred to as The Vale of Glamorgan Council (A48 (Part), Ruthin Road (Part), Nash View, B4270 Llantwit Major Road (Part) B4268 Llysworney Road (Part) 30, 40 AND 50MPH Speed Restriction and Revocation Order 2019. A copy of the Order and a plan showing the affected areas may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.
- If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 19th August 2019 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

### SCHEDULE 1

No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to proceed at a speed greater than that referred to in the locations specified in the Schedules below.

### SCHEDULE 2

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Proposed Speed Restriction Orders. A48 Pentre Meyrick.

**50mph Speed Restriction.** From a point 348 metres northwest of its junction with B4268, north-westward for a distance of approximately 600 metres.

From a point 252 metres southeast of its junction with B4268, south-eastwards for a distance approximately 1432 metres.

**40mph Speed Restriction.** From a point 348 metres northwest of its junction with the B4268, south-eastwards for a distance of approximately 600 metres.

**Nash View Pentre Meyrick 30mph Speed Restriction** From its junction with Ruthin Road westwards for its entire length, a distance of approximately 48metres

**Ruthin Road Pentre Meyrick. 40mph Speed Restriction.** From the A48/Ruthin Road junction northwards for a distance of approximately 160 metres.

**B4270 Llantwit Major Road Cowbridge 30mph Speed Restriction.** From the termination of the existing 30mph speed restriction, located approximately 175 metres southwest of Daren Close, Cowbridge, westwards for a distance of approximately 406 metres to its junction with the B4270, Llanfrynach Drive.

**40mph Speed Restriction.** From a point 82 metres south of it junction with the Vale Business Park entrance, generally northwards for a distance of approximately 4300 metres, encompassing Llanfrynach Drive, terminating at the junction of the A48.

**B4268 Llysworney Road. 30mph Speed Restriction** From its junction with Llantwit Major Road (B4270), northwards for a distance of approximately 364 metres to the commencement of the existing 30mph speed restriction.

**Revoke Speed Restriction Orders. A48, Pentre Meyrick 50mph Speed Restriction.** From a point 415 metres southeast of its junction with the B4268, north-westwards for a distance of approximately 1070 metres.

**B4270, Llantwit Major Road Cowbridge 40mph Speed Restriction.** From the termination of the existing 30mph speed restriction, located approximately 175 metres southwest of Daren Close, Cowbridge, south-westwards for a distance of approximately 1,100 metres.

Dated this 15th day of August 2019.

Director of Environment & Housing

Vale of Glamorgan Council,

The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA







## Porthcawl man's English Channel swim for charity that was close to his heart

**A MAN from Porthcawl completed a swim across the English Channel earlier this month, finishing the challenge in 15 hours, writes Philip Irwin.**

Tom Chapman has been a regular on the Porthcawl open water swimming scene for several years, ever since moving to Porthcawl from Bath seven years ago and he set his sights on the Channel swim some time ago.

However, to get a time slot, he had to book two years ago! In fact, the waiting time now has crept up to three years.

Obviously, the desire to challenge himself was his motivation. Tom has always been a keen triathlete, but an injury meant that he started to concentrate more on swimming.

It was during his preparation period that Tom had an extra, family motivation, when his partner Lindsay told him that her father, a fit man in his mid-70s, had been diagnosed with mesothelioma.

She told The GEM: "Dad has run the Porthcawl Parkrun regularly – not something most people in their 70s can do – but he went to the doctor with a persistent cough, and hospital tests confirmed mesothelioma. What he thought was a cough, turned out to be a warning that one of his lungs was filling up with fluid."

Lindsay's father has had excellent support from the charity Mesothelioma UK, who arrange for specialist nurses to be available. At the moment he is in hospital in England, taking part in a clinical trial to test a new treatment for the condition.

As a result, Tom's cross channel swim became more than a personal test of his stamina and determination. He decided to also raise money for the charity.

The mechanics of a channel swim are more than just turning up in your Speedos. There are a limited number of pilots who take charge of the boat and keep the party safe, and only four swimmers are accepted per week.

If the weather is bad the week you book, then they will try and squeeze you in the next week, but if that fails it is back to the waiting list.

Swims are one way only, starting in Dover. The French decided some time ago to stop swimmers leaving from their beaches. Nevertheless, they insist that everyone must have a passport with them – even though the support team stays on the boat and the swimmer (as happened in Tom's case) steps ashore long enough to have confirmatory photos taken, and then swims back out to the boat!

Wetsuits are frowned upon. There is an official ratification list, but resorting to one will mean that you are not included.

Once the swim has started, no one is allowed to touch the swimmer and he can't touch the boat. He can be thrown food and water (Tom found a series of carbohydrate drinks worked best for him).

The 'no touching' rule means that, although he started the swim in darkness at about 1am, Tom had to have sun cream applied at that time, as the photograph shows. It's 21 miles across but no one has ever got close to that short route. The tide pushes you north at the start, and when it turns, swimmers get pushed well south of Calais.

In Tom's case, he covered about 44 miles, and finished the swim in 15 hours.

He said: "I believe that on one of the record crossings, the swimmer covered about 28 miles. The tides must have been gentler that day."

Tom's regular open water swimming in Porthcawl meant that he was well prepared for the challenge. The Bristol Channel is known for its massive tides, so there was nothing to surprise him.

He said: "I was lucky with the jellyfish. I was stung once in the dark, in the face, so I have no idea what that was, and at one point I had to swim through a shoal\* of them, but I escaped."

He was surprised to see how close car ferries and oil tankers came, but again he did not get thrown off his stroke. His forearms, he reported, got tired, but he kept going steadily. Ironically, on the support boat there was far more pain and suffering, due to a heavy swell that lasted for the first five hours or so.

On the boat was Lewis Brown, another Porthcawl resident who swims regularly with Tom.

He said: "We all felt seasick for most of the time

over those first five hours, and there were quite a few occasions when people retired to the other side of the boat from Tom to be sick over the side."

The tide means that swimmers have little choice over where they land. In Tom's case, he found himself heading towards cliffs some way south of Calais. He spotted a sheltered cove and, although the boat needed to stay a safe 200 metres from the shore, Lewis swam those last few hundred metres, keeping a distance from Tom so as not to break the 'no touch' rule.

Tom found a safe place to land and Lewis passed him his flag for a celebratory photo, and then they swam back to the boat. A total of 44 miles and an extra 200 metres!

Now that he has mastered this challenge, Tom has no desire to stop. He still swims regularly in the sea off Porthcawl – sometimes twice a day if the tides are right.

He said: "We usually start from the slipway by the RNLI station. A short swim is across the bay and back – about a mile, but we have swum to Monkknash, that's about 10 miles."

A swim around the Channel Island of Jersey is pencilled in for next August. That is about 44 miles but, Tom says, the tides mean that for a large part of the swim, you are 'going with the flow' of a favourable current.

Tom does have a warning, though, for anyone planning to try open water swimming in the area around Porthcawl.

He said: "Don't try it alone until you have joined one of the regular groups who know the coast and who can talk you through the pitfalls. The Bristol Channel has huge tides and you need to know what you are doing!"

Anyone wishing to donate to Tom's charity can do so through [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/toms-channel-swim](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/toms-channel-swim).

*\* It appears that the collective noun for jellyfish is either 'flutter' or 'smack'. I've used neither on the grounds that those names are just a bit silly – PI*



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# Lots to do at St John's House in Bridgend

**AT St John's House, Bridgend, many forthcoming events are planned:**

Open Days 11am – 3pm on: August 31, September 8, September 28 and 29; October 13 and 26.

Quiz evenings are held on the third Friday of every month at 8pm at the United Services Club, Tondur Road. (Note: this is held in the room upstairs, there is no lift.)

16th August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15 and December 20.

In the shop, Ewenny pottery exclusively made for St John's House is available to buy: Goblet £21, Beaker £14, Mugs (two designs) £14.

We are now selling second hand books, and donations of books are welcome. We are also looking for another 6 foot tall bookcase – please let us know if you can help.

We will be holding a craft fair on Saturday, August 31 at Carnegie House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend from 11am – 5pm. Tables are £20, email

saintjohns@hotmail.co.uk or call 07510 248315 (answerphone) if you would like to book a table.

From Thursday, October 31 until Wednesday, November 6 a series of events will include poetry, storytelling, music and will be held in the House as part of our revival of St Leonard's Fair, which was held annually on St Leonard's Day, November 6; known to have existed in the 16th century (St Leonard of Noblac, to whom Newcastle Church was dedicated in the Middle Ages).

In his book 'Bridgend The Story of a Market Town', HJ Randall said in 1955: "It had two fairs on Ascension Day and St Leonard's Day, which existed until within living memory; they were superseded by modern and far less picturesque methods of marketing."

Open Doors take place on Saturday and Sunday September 28/29 when we will be taking part in a CADW Open Doors event.

Look out for some interesting activities in the house!

## It's party time at a Pontcanna care home

**ACARE home in Pontcanna is holding a special daytime summer party for its residents and opening its doors to the town tomorrow.**

Ty Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home, is inviting members of the community to drop in for the special event on Friday, August 16.

The party will include light refreshments with croissants and coffee from 10am and a barbecue from 12 noon. There will be entertainment from 2pm including singing, dancing and music

before the event closes at 4pm.

Staff at Ty Llandaff in Conway Road are hoping the day will encourage more people to visit the home, allowing residents to socialise with different people, while giving guests the chance to see 'what life is really like at the home'.

The summer party is just one of the many events organised by the home as part of its extensive social events calendar run by Ty Llandaff activities co-ordinator Melanie Geoghegan.

Ty Llandaff service manager Lisa Cristina said: "The party will be a lovely way for residents to

celebrate summer and a wonderful

opportunity for visitors to drop for a morning coffee or bite to eat and socialise with our fabulous

residents. It will also give guests who may be considering a care home for themselves or a loved

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# Tabby's Star in the limelight

**WE'LL take a break from cosmology or astronomy anniversaries this month and instead turn our attention to a star which has been a source of fascination since the discovery of its unusual behaviour by the astronomer Tabetha Boyajian on October 14, 2015.**

More than 4,000 exo-planets have now been discovered orbiting distant stars, most of which were found by the transit method. When a planet passes in front of its parent star, some of the star's light will disappear for a short while. These transits are a prolific method for planet hunters to search for worlds around other stars.

NASA's Kepler mission was a gamechanger in the hunt for exo-planets, surveying over 100,000 stars over a period of many years. Of the hundreds of thousands of stars that NASA's Kepler space telescope observed, astronomers were completely unprepared for the oddity that is Tabby's Star, whose light flux dims by a tremendous amount, without any of the regularly repeating signals which are the expected signature of planets transiting their stars in regular orbits.

The dips in light flux from Tabby's Star are observed to be of the order of 22 per cent, whereas the customary dip in light caused by exo-planets is less than 1 per cent. Prior to this new discovery

of flux dips, Tabby's Star was already of interest because its overall brightness has been noticeably dimming over many decades.

Astronomers concluded that the flux dips couldn't be caused by planets, because no planet is large enough to block that much light from its star. Speculation ensued that a series of cometary events, where they emit large amounts of dust as they approach the inner portion of the solar system in question, might explain the short-term flux dips that have been seen. But this proposed solution cannot also account for the above mentioned decades old dimming of the star.

Another popular idea advanced was that of an alien megastructure. It could be that a civilization far ahead of humanity, technologically, was constructing an apparatus around the star to capture and harness its full energy output. Known as a Dyson Sphere, such a structure would increase the amount of light blocked as it became more and more complete. Over the past century, the fact that the light from this star had dimmed by such a significant amount could then be explained by an advance in the completion of a Dyson Sphere. Far-fetched? Perhaps, but a compelling idea nevertheless.

Thanks to a myriad of follow-up observations, however, a more mundane explanation is finding favour. Whereas an alien megastructure would be opaque to all light, it has been found that

blue light is preferentially blocked in all the dimming events from Tabby's Star. There's one thing known that can cause blue light to be blocked while redder light is preferentially transmitted - dust particles of a certain minimal size. It must, therefore, be dust which is causing not only the flux dips, but also the long-term fading.

Mystery remains, however, as circumstellar dust is a feature of a young, forming solar system. Tabby's Star is known to be hundreds of millions years old and is well advanced on its main sequence - so where is the dust coming from? No-one knows.

And now, there is another, very recent, mystery! Planet hunting astronomer Hugh Osborn announced a stellar discovery at the end of June, 2019 that looks to be even more baffling than Tabby's Star. Also seen by Kepler, this star, dubbed the Random Transiter, was found to undergo no less than 28 transits in just 87 days.

The associated light dips look just like those expected from planets, but there is absolutely no evidence of the regular periodic orbits which are expected of planets. So what's going on here? If they are not planets, what are they?

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1. **Keep calm and get on the phone!** – A Level results day can be hectic, so it's important you are calm when you make your calls. Get a pen and paper at the ready, charge your phone and find a quiet room to contact your alternative universities.

2. **Do your research** – Familiarise yourself with the UCAS website, as it is here you will find course vacancies. Make notes of which courses you are interested in, even if you do not expect to need them.

3. **Get advice** – If you're unsure about what steps to take next, ask someone who can offer you advice. Your teachers, careers advisers, parents and universities are all good sources.

4. **Have all your details to hand** – Make sure you have your contact details, the Clearing number from UCAS Track, log in details from UCAS Track, the phone number for the university, your own contact details and your

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5. **Make notes** – You'll get a lot of information during the calls you make, so jotting it all down will ensure you have enough to refer back to when making a final choice.

6. **Have constructive questions to ask** – Try to think of questions which matter to you: for example the course structure, can you do placement years, what are the accommodation options.

7. **Make your call yourself** – the University will not be able to talk to someone else on your behalf (even your Mum!).

8. **Confirm everything** – remember to get email confirmation of your university offer, and also ask them how long the offer is valid for. Ask when you can apply for accommodation and ask when the offer will appear on UCAS.

9. **Make your choice in the allotted time** – In addition, most universities will give you a time period (typically 12-48 hours) for which their offer is valid and you must accept your offer during that period.

10. **Visit the universities you are considering** – If possible, it is a great idea to arrange to visit the universities you are interested in as this is a good way to get a real understanding for the feel and atmosphere of the university, as well as their culture and the way their courses are taught.

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# Out & About with The GEM

## IT'S ON AT THE CINEMA

**DAMON** Smith reviews the latest releases. This week: director Quentin Tarantino reimagines a dark chapter in Tinseltown history with Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt and Margot Robbie in *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*, a plucky teenager (Isabela Moner) follows in the footsteps of her explorer parents to locate hidden treasure in *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*, adolescent pals discover the art of kissing a girl in the raucous comedy *Good Boys* and beauty comes from within in the empowering computer-animated musical adventure *Ugly Dolls*

### Once Upon a Time in Hollywood

For years, two-time Oscar winner Quentin Tarantino has been publicly declaring his intention to retire after 10 films in the director's chair.

That day of reckoning moves ever closer with the release of his supposedly penultimate picture, a valentine to the golden age of Hollywood, which unspools the exploits of

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a fictional actor and his stunt double against the real-life backdrop of the Manson family murders in the summer of 1969.

Fact and blood-soaked fantasy are rumbustious playmates in Tarantino's script, which momentarily orbits bona fide stars including Bruce Lee (Mike Moh) and Steve McQueen (Damian Lewis), and saves its most daring flourish for a sickeningly brutal finale that includes a close-up

of a face being smashed repeatedly into a stone mantelpiece.

Since his eye-catching debut with *Reservoir Dogs* - a trim 97 minutes - brevity has seldom been the writer-director's strong point and *Once Upon a Time...* In Hollywood falls foul of self-indulgent excesses that should perhaps have been addressed in the editing room.

Tarantino conjures moments of nerve-shredding tension that demonstrate his master of the craft, peaking with two prolonged sequences with Manson's acolytes that tighten the large knot of tension in our stomachs.

Rick Dalton (Leonardo DiCaprio), one-time star of TV western *Bounty Law*, becomes convinced that his career is over after an uncomfortable meeting with straight-talking agent Marvin Schwarz (Pacino).

The handsome leading man drowns his sorrows with best friend and stunt double Cliff Booth (Brad Pitt), who also acts as his chauffeur.

Cliff attempts to buoy Rick's spirits as he prepares for a guest spot as the 'bad guy' on new TV series *Lancer*, starring James Stacy (Timothy Olyphant). Meanwhile, director

Roman Polanski (Rafal Zawierucha) and pregnant actress Sharon Tate (Margot Robbie) move into the neighbouring property to Rick, where they entertain a succession of friends including hairstylist Jay Sebring (Emile Hirsch).

On the night of August 9, Charles Manson (Damon Herriman) dispatches four knife-wielding disciples - Tex (Austin Butler), Sadie (Mike Madison), Flower Child (Maya Hawke) and Katie (Madisen Beaty) - to kill everyone inside the rented property at 10050 Cielo Drive.

Narrated by Kurt Russell's stunt coordinator, *Once Upon a Time...* In Hollywood takes poetic licence with historical fact to pen a gushing love letter to the art of filmmaking.

Period detail is impressive, epitomised by a groovy soundtrack of late 1960s toe taps including Vanilla Fudge's cover of The Supremes' *You Keep Me Hangin' On*.

Pacing occasionally drags but DiCaprio and Pitt enliven lulls with terrific performances as fading products of a Californian dream factory, who are staring down their inevitable decline with a combustible mix of weariness and frustration.

Like the auteur behind the lens, the end credits on their creative endeavours are almost ready to roll.

• SWEARING  
• NO SEX ::  
• VIOLENCE ::  
RATING: 8/10

### Good Boys

Good boys go bad in director Gene Stupnitsky's potty-mouthed coming-of-age comedy, a haphazard misadventure in the company of three pre-teen pals on the precipice of puberty.

Producers Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg traversed similarly messy territory in *Superbad* with older characters bound for college.

In Stupnitsky's script, co-written by Lee Eisenberg, the unsettling transition from fifth to sixth grade provides a loose dramatic framework for lurid life lessons for a cherubic trinity, whose hilariously misinformed understanding of (the opposite) sex has been gleaned from playground hearsay.

For these *Good Boys*, the forbidden fruit of an internet search for pornography on a parents' laptop has yet to be tasted and the closest they have come to experimentation is giving one of their computer game

avatars a pair of painfully pendulous love cushions.

The youngsters naively mistake a full-size sex doll for a CPR aid - providing the film with its first gross-out punchline - and fashion a chain of their parents' secondhand pleasure beads into an oversized pink necklace for one potential love interest.

Her wincing response to the jewellery's pungent aroma provides another collective groan of disgust.

Max (Jacob Tremblay), Thor (Brady Noon) and Lucas (Keith L Williams) are founder members of The Bean Bag Boys, a close-knit crew of hormone-addled 12-year-olds who live on the same block.

They ride around the neighbourhood, trying to act cool so they can avoid the most inglorious fate for any newly promoted sixth grader: becoming "a social piranha".

To that end, Max is delighted to be personally invited to a kissing party thrown by cool kid Soren (Izaak Wang) and he persuades the host to add Thor and Lucas to the guest list.

There's just one hitch, none of The Bean Bag Boys have ever locked lips with a girl and they worry their inexperience will be their undoing. Max has a brainwave:

he will pilot his father's drone and spy on Hannah (Molly Gordon), who lives down the street.

"My neighbour's a nymphomaniac," Max confidently explains to his wide-eyed buddies. "She has sex on land and sea."

Unfortunately, Max crash-lands his old man's prized gizmo and Hannah and gal pal Lilly (Midori Francis) hold the drone hostage.

Their chosen ransom is a bottle of ecstasy pills from Hannah's knucklehead boyfriend, Benji (Josh Caras).

Good Boys relies heavily on sex toys for laughs and the novelty of these items in the hands of unsuspecting tykes does wear thin.

Tremblay, Noon and Williams pickpocket generous laughs with their escapades.

At almost every turn, they are blissfully unaware of the seriousness of their predicament apart from one set-piece, a madcap dash across three lanes of a fast-moving highway, that comes uncomfortably close to being misjudged.

Thankfully, the characters and Stupnitsky's film emerge relatively unscathed.

• SWEARING  
• SEX  
• VIOLENCE  
RATING: 6/10

### Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Educational cartoon series *Dora The Explorer*, which teaches preschoolers basic Spanish through repetition, is reimagined as a rollicking live-action adventure as *la Raiders Of The Lost Ark* by director James Bobin and scriptwriters Matthew Robinson and Nicholas Stoller.

By turns funny, charming, puerile and knowing, *Dora And The Lost City Of Gold* is a hugely entertaining romp that caters to all ages, including little ones familiar with the TV version and its irrepressible heroine, who repeatedly breaks the fourth wall to talk directly to viewers.

This curious habit of addressing the camera is played for laughs in Bobin's breathlessly paced film.

"Can you say deliciouso?" Dora urges us over the breakfast table in an

early scene. "She'll grow out of it," her confused father tells himself. Of course, she doesn't.

Isabela Moner brings a winning combination of bright-eyed optimism and steely resolve to her incarnation of the title character, who merrily introduces herself during a stampede of pygmy elephants.

Dora (Moner) is raised in the jungle by archaeologist parents Cole (Michael Pena) and Elena (Eva Longoria).

They are poised to embark on a perilous expedition to locate the lost Peruvian civilisation of Parapata, which ancient texts describe as the hiding place of more gold than the rest of the world combined.

Dora hopes to join her folks but Elena calmly counsels her daughter: "You have the whole world to explore. Go see it, make friends."

Consequently, Dora flies to Los Angeles to stay with her cousin Diego (Jeff Wahlberg), where the concrete jungle's greatest challenge is navigating the warring tribes of the local high school.

Soon after, Cole and Elena vanish without trace and Dora becomes the unwitting heroine of her own hare-brained adventure, accompanied by Diego and misfit classmates Sammy (Madeleine Madden) and Randy (Nicholas Coombe).

Dora And The Lost City Of Gold is full of hidden treasures including tongue-in-cheek performances from a culturally diverse cast, gently simmering romance and toilet humour including a jaunty song about digging a poo hole in the wild.

Moner illuminates every derivative frame of a story that affectionately plunders Indiana Jones, The Goonies, National Treasure and Tomb Raider for booby-trap-laden thrills.

Bobin makes light work of the 102-minute running time with parents likely to enjoy it even more than their pre-schoolers.

Laugh and learn.

• NO SWEARING  
• NO SEX  
• VIOLENCE ::  
RATING: 7/10

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**BEN Catley-Richardson tries new releases**  
**Wolfenstein: Youngblood, Elder Scrolls Online: Elsweyr, Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3: The Black Order and Beho.**

**Wolfenstein: Youngblood**  
 Platform: PC, Xbox One, PS4, Switch  
 Genre: FPS  
 Price: £29.99

Soph and Jess are the twin daughters of Wolfenstein's William J. Blazkowicz (aka the man who killed Hitler). So when daddy goes MIA in Nazi-occupied Paris, the Terror Twins are hurled into a co-op focused regurgitation of the trigger-happy series - sadly in singleplayer you rely on the game's dodgy AI to control the other Terror Twin, and they're barely any use. To enjoy Youngblood's riotous gunplay you need a real-life buddy (you can even buy just one copy to play over two PCs) in order to unlock the genuine tactical excitement of working together to match weapons and strategies against the ranks of high-powered enemy. Reviewed on Asus ROG G703GI (i7, 16GB, GTX 1080, asus.com/uk/ROG-Republic-Of-Gamers)

Skip to the end: Multiplayer is essential in this high speed shootout.



much-lauded return of dragons to Tamriel fails to make a meaningful impact on your adventure through this new world. Reviewed on Asus ROG G703GI (i7, 16GB, GTX 1080, asus.com/uk/ROG-Republic-Of-Gamers)

Skip to the end: Atmospheric and characterful, Elsweyr is well worth a visit.

**Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3: The Black Order**  
 Platform: Switch  
 Genre: Action  
 Price: £44.99  
 Assembly needed

Marvel Ultimate Alliance has a straightforward selling point: It's an action toy box for Marvel fans. This third, Switch exclusive instalment boasts a ridiculously huge roster of heroes - from X-Men like Wolverine or Psylocke to the Guardians Of The Galaxy and blockbusters such as Thor and Iron Man - although without the exciting visual personality of their movie counterparts. You hand-pick a four-strong team of supers and smash through a series of missions and special Infinity Rifts, hoarding upgrades as you go. Multiplayer enhances the fun, and the ability to combine and complement each hero's skills and attacks, but if you're looking for depth in combat and level design you'll be disappointed - this is a simple and unsophisticated button-masher.

Skip to the end: Uncomplicated and simple but with tons of characters.



**Beholder 2**  
 Platform: PC, iPad/iPhone  
 Genre: Adventure  
 Price: £7.99

In Beholder, you were landlord of an apartment building in a totalitarian state, spying on tenants for personal gain or, alternatively, rebelling against the authorities. The sequel returns to the nightmarish dystopia - only now you're a clerk processing citizen



complaints in The Ministry, the government's temple of bureaucracy. In-between solving the murder of your estranged father (who was as a Ministry bigwig) and completing paperwork minigames, you'll need to improve your standing by 'removing' your coworkers through fair means or foul. Plant contraband, for instance, and your supervisor will be executed, opening up an opportunity for promotion. Beholder 2 lacks the addictive focus of the original and feels more repetitive, but great writing and atmosphere make for a chilling adventure.

Skip to the end: A darkly engaging satire that could use more variety.

Score: 7/10

- Games chart**
- 1 Fire Emblem: Three Houses
  - 2 FIFA 19
  - 3 Crash Team Racing Nitro-Fueled
  - 4 Super Mario Maker 2
  - 5 Madden NFL 20

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# No plain sailing on Normandy pilgrimage



Left: The pretty church of St Martin in Fresville. Cornflowers, stylised as the Bleuet de France, are the French equivalent of the Poppy.



Right: An entire facade of L'Eglise Notre-Dame de Saint-Lô was destroyed, along with 95 per cent of the town.



Far right. Crosses and bullet holes on a pillar in L'Eglise Notre-Dame de Saint-Lô.

## EARLY morning, Normandy.

The vessel is full. Vehicles and occupants have been prepared for this moment for months. The air is pregnant with tension; the sense of anticipation electric. The ramp goes down, the order is given, and it's GO! Fighting breaks out immediately. A Spaniard is in the cross hairs of a German, who... No; it's not the D-Day landings, but a trip in July 2019 to France by ferry. The German tarried in the queue to disembark too long, so the Spaniard drove around and in front of him. The Spaniard was then held up and the German went to remonstrate. So much for the entente cordiale

between our European friends... Swiftly through French Customs and it is 40 minutes at a fair old lick to the *gite* in Fresville, just outside Sainte-Mère-Eglise. A journey through Normandy is, for many, a pilgrimage of sorts. Seemingly each town in each department in Normandy has a museum—even it is simply a farmer who dug up an aircraft engine or rusted Jeep—and a story to tell. A case in point is Sainte-Mère-Eglise. It is famed for an incident on D-Day when the parachute of John Steele of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment caught on the steeple of the church. He hung there, pretending to be dead, for two hours until captured by the Germans, before promptly escaping and rejoining his unit. The operations of D-Day and onwards

changed the course of the war and history. Thousands of Allied servicemen—British, Canadian, Yanks, French, Poles, Norwegians, Australians, Czechoslovaks, Kiwis—took part, and many died. Many hundreds of French civilians, too, perished in the battles. Take, as just one example, Saint-Lô. Occupied from May 1940 onwards, it was a strategic location and one essential for the D-Day spearhead to continue. Two intense bombing raids on June 6-7 destroyed, it is estimated, some 95 to 97 per cent of the town. As one American soldier quipped after the raids: "We sure liberated the hell out of that place." Any town or village that has been destroyed, be it by war or

natural disaster, and rebuilt is never the same. Saint-Lô is no exception. It was a busy—in the restaurants and *tabacs*—Friday afternoon. *Le marché des terroirs* had just shut, and Le Grand Balcon restaurant was the place to be. Families, couples, workers, were relaxing for the weekend over a *bière* or two. Not a tourist trap, but a place frequented by the locals, it was a pleasant atmosphere, and in contrast to the scarred air enveloping the rebuilt town. The old jail, destroyed during the raids, lists the names of the men, women, and children killed during the bombing, including those in the jail. There are hundreds. Eglise Notre-Dame de Saint-Lô, like so many churches in the region, did not escape damage. The walls, inside and

out, are peppered and pock-marked with evidence of small-arms fire, some in a pattern that suggests a target was hit. Inside are crosses and graffiti carved into the columns. Do they predate the battle, or were they carved by someone—French civilian or German occupier—as they hoped for deliverance? The real damage, however, was to one facade of the church. Look upwards and the great arch is no longer there. Blown to pieces, a simple, dull wall now fills the void once occupied by the Gothic stonework.

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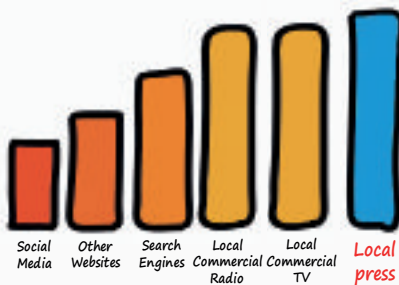
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William will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

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Family flowers only. Donation in lieu, if desired, for the Parkinson's Society c/o the funeral director.

## MATTHEWS

### John Laney

With his family by his side, John, sadly passed away on 3rd August 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales after a short illness. A treasured husband, dad and bampy, John is survived by his loving wife

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Pat wishes to say a special thank you to their wonderful friends, Avril and Rob for their strength and support and all their friends in Llantwit Major.

Pat would also like to thank everyone from the NHS, all of the carers and Marie Curie nurses involved in Mike's care and support. The care and compassion shown to Mike has been incredible.

## ROBERTS

### Thelma (née Baker) (Formerly Jones)

Peacefully after a long illness at Llandough Hospital on 7th August 2019, Thelma aged 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Hedley, loved mum of Sian and son-in-law Lyn. Cherished grandma to Gerran and the late Bethan.

Thelma will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, 27th August at 11am.

No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired for LATCH c/o the funeral director.



## Family Notices

**FEAR****Sharon Elleen**

(Llwyn Gwern, Pencoed)

Sharon passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 6th August 2019, aged 80 years. A much loved wife, mother and grandmother.

*She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Funeral service Tuesday, 20th August 2019. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 10am.

All who knew Sharon are welcome to attend.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu may be made to The Great Daffodil Appeal 2019 (Marie Curie) c/o Mel & Ron Watkins Funeral Services, 2, Hilda House, The Square, Pencoed, Bridgend, CF35 5NP. Tel: 01656 860545.

**HOLLAND****Wayne William (Weapon)**

Peacefully on 29th July at the University Hospital of Wales, Wayne, well known of Barry Island and for his time working on the railway.

Devoted husband to Ann, much loved dad to Gemma and the late Leona. Special step dad of Marcus, Richard, Alexander and Sarah-Louise. A cherished and adored bumpy and pappy to all his grandchildren. A loving brother and brother-in-law.

*He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Wayne is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of his life at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 21st August at 10am. No floral tributes by request. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Make A Wish Foundation in memory of Wayne.

**PAYNE****Beryl Ann**

Passed away at Llandough Hospital on 2nd August 2019, aged 76 after finally losing her battle with cancer. Beloved wife to Keith, mother of Mark and Stephen. Grandmother to Isla.

*Beryl will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Funeral service to take place at All Saints Church, Barry on Thursday, 22nd August at 10.45am, followed by interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Myeloma UK or National Kidney Federation UK in memory of Beryl. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962.

**EDWARDS****Steven (Eddie)**

Suddenly at home on 7th August 2019, aged 60 years, loved and missed by his children Justin, Richie, Stevie and Naomi, his grandchildren Olivia, Celyn, Taiwinn, Seren, Cadell, Eviiee, Henley, Cariad, Maddox, Cassius, Ronnie and Reggie. Eddie will be sadly missed by his sister Dawn and his nieces.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel on Friday, 23rd August at 10am, followed by a committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Flowers welcome.

**LLOYD****Rhys**

Suddenly at home on the 31st July, aged 22.

*Rhys will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.*

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service will be held to celebrate his life on Tuesday, 27th August at 10am, at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors. For all enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

**ELLIOTT****Julie Anne**

Passed away peacefully at her home on 3rd August, aged 70 years, surrounded by family. A much loved mum, grandma and sister who did it her way right to the very end.

*Always in our hearts and thoughts.*

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service to celebrate Julie's life will be held on Tuesday, 20th August at 10am at the Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors or donations may be made at the service in memory of Julie to the Cinnamon trust.

After the service the family invite friends to join them at Brynhill Golf Club.

For all enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

**COPEMAN****Pamela Ann**

Sadly passed away on 2nd August 2019. Wife of the late Eric, step mother to Sonia, sister to Malcolm and the late Graham and sister-in-law to Marion and Margaret.

Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, 21st August 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 12 noon. Flowers may be sent to Green Willow Funerals or donations in lieu, if desired, would be gratefully received to The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral home. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

**THOMAS****Albert**

Deeply beloved Albert of Rhose sadly passed away at Llandough Hospital on 7th August 2019, aged 83. Beloved husband and is preceded in death by his stepdaughter Chris, and is survived by his wife Celia, stepchildren Trish, Ian and Fiona, daughter-in-law Wendy and son-in-law Roland. Grandchildren Nicola, Natalie, Sam, Jord, Sarah, Thomas, Lyndsey, Jodie and Chelsea, and great grandchildren Joseph, Bella, Alys, Gwenni, Grey and Harley.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral Thursday, 22nd August, service and cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry.

*Albert will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

**HENSHAW****Roma Jean (née Howard)**

Peacefully at her home in St Nicholas, Vale of Glamorgan on Sunday, 4th August 2019, Roma passed away in her 91st year. Beloved wife of the late George, cherished mother of Lynn and respected mother-in-law of Geoffrey.

Funeral service at Trehill Methodist Church, St Nicholas at 12 noon on Monday 19th August 2019, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers, if so desired, to the Parkinsons Disease Society, c/o W. James & Sons, Funeral Director, Ffônnon, Barry, CF62 3BJ.

**BEVAN****Jacqueline Anne**

1933 - 2019

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral Thursday, 29th August, service and cremation 11.30am at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

**VAUGHAN****David John**

This amazing man was suddenly and tragically taken from us too soon at only 66 years, on 8th August 2019. Beloved husband of Jill, son of Pauline and the late Don. Much loved father and grandfather. Nephew, cousin and work colleague. *Loved by all he left behind and will be dearly missed by many.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Ffônnon. Funeral Friday, 30th August, service and cremation 12 noon at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only.

**JONES****Kenneth Charles**

Passed away peacefully at home on 6th August 2019 after many months in hospital. Ken aged 89 years of Barry, husband of Edna, father of Lynette and Johnathan. Grandfather of Katherine, Lewis and Michael. Great grandfather of Freya and Rileigh. Funeral service at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 21st August at 3pm.

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## In Memory

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From Mel

## Birthdays

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on 17th August 2019

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**OLIVER****Eunice**

(of Blaendewi, Wick)

Sadly passed away at Anwen Care Home, Bridgend, on Sunday, 11th August 2019, aged 82 years. Beloved wife of David. Cherished mum to Gaenor. Loving nan to Stephanie.

*Eunice will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Funeral service and celebration of Eunice's life is to take place in St James' Church, Wick on Friday, 23rd August at 10.45am, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium for 12 noon.

Strictly family flowers only, however donations to Alzheimer's Society in memory of Eunice may be given after the service.

All further enquiries to Co-Op Funeralcare, 19 Coychurch Road, Bridgend, CF31 3AP. Tel. 01656 653156.

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# Captains together!



A small group of Brynhill golf club ladies past captains met on Friday, August 2, to play a Texas scramble. Mrs Carole Allen, who is the Brynhill golf ladies representative for the Glamorgan county golf association, organised a fun morning and wonderful prizes. Afterwards the ladies sat outside and enjoyed a light lunch. Carole then presented the winning ladies with their prizes. The winners were Julie Harkin, Sue Holland and Judy Davies.

JK

## News from Barry Beavers

IN July, the Barry Beavers swimming club team competed at the Blaenau Gwent Otters Swimming Gala and returned home with 8 medals (two gold, two silver and four bronze).

The club continues getting new members and Jen, Nadiene and Nicholas make them feel welcome and help them gain confidence in the water.

On July 14, some of the club went to Barry Island to promote the club dressed in different animal costumes. On the day the club collected over £230.

On July 28, the club held its Halliwick workshop at the leisure centre, attended by members from the club and from Rhondda Polar Bears Swimming Club. NC

## A successful year for Bridgend Blue Bulls



Blue Bulls sponsor Patrick Harpur congratulates Josh Hanson on being selected by Hull FC to join their academy.

IT has been a League. good year for the Bridgend Bulls, with 20 players receiving their caps from Wales Rugby

interest in rugby league and would like to help out or has a youngster who would like to play, get in touch on 07771 954002.

## News from Cowbridge Bowling Club

**PRESSURE was put on the men last week having to play four games.**

They kept their best of the season to date for the Saturday league game, winning on all four rinks and recording a 'hot shot' on the last end.

On July 28 it was an away two rink game at Barry Central, playing for the Alun Martin Cup. Although there was a good win on one rink, this was offset by a loss on the other.

**Scores:** Mike Fahey, John Collin, Andrew Morgan and Norman Wilkinson 21-14; Alan Jordan, John Nixon, Clive Pritchard and Colin Wilson 8-21; **Cowbridge 29, Barry Central 35.**

In the evening league Triples match at home to league leaders and last season's champions Porthcawl, the visitors settled well and won on three of the four rinks and the match overall. Alan Wallace's trio came good in the last four ends. After the 13th end, the scores were level: 13 to each team, but they won the last five ends without reply.

**Scores:** John Collin, John Nixon and Colin Wilson 9-31; Alan Jordan, Andrew Morgan and Alan Wallace 20-14; Peter Rice, Mike Fahey and Roger Barwick 18-21; Ron Dobie, Bryan Hole and Clive Pritchard

12-13; **Cowbridge 59, Porthcawl 79.**

For the midweek Munro Cup game, Sully were the visitors to Cowbridge. It was likely to be keenly contested as most of Sully bowlers are regular indoor carpet winter bowlers. Cowbridge managed to win on three of the four rinks with Colin Wilson's quartet taking top honours with a fine 21 shot to nine win. Colin was supported by Alan Jordan, Owen Hopkin and Tony Lewis.

**Scores:** Ron Dobie, Mike Fahey, Bryan Hole and Norman Wilkinson 16-12; Gerry Lloyd, Phil Woosnam, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 16-26; Mansel Davey, Brian Williams, Terry Dunsworth and Colin Pritchard 15-12; **Cowbridge 68, Sully 55.**

At the Saturday League game at home to Rhoeose, with seven ends played there was nothing to choose between three of the rinks, but Roger Barwick's rink were beginning to forge ahead. On the other three rinks, Cowbridge raised their game and it was a comfortable overall win helped by Roger Barwick's team recording a 'hot shot' on the last end.

**Scores:** Ron Dobie, Ken Payne, Clive Pritchard and Alan Wallace 25-14; Terry Dunsworth, Bryan

Hole, Colin Wilson and Norman Wilkinson 21-16; Gerry Lloyd, Alan Jordan, Andrew Morgan and Bob Penn 26-21; Mansel Davey, John Nixon, Guy Morton and Roger Barwick, 38-10.

The ladies only played in one game this last week in an evening League match away to Rhiwbina, which was cancelled on the day of the match as morning rain had left the green dangerous underfoot. As it was the second time this match had been cancelled, both clubs decided not to try again but to share the points.

A Thursday afternoon league game away to Penarth Windsor was played with Cowbridge winning on two of the three rinks but losing overall by just three shots. **Scores:** Janet Morton, Maggie Penn, Sylvia Hole and Helen Nixon 8-20; Dorothy Pritchard, Sian Lewis, Phyllis Price and Lynda Wilson 16-13; Joan Bradley, Caryl Davies, Joy Woolford and Kay Edwards 20-14; **Cowbridge 44, Windsor 47.**

Finally, Cowbridge teams have recorded four 'hot shots' in the last few weeks: two for the ladies and two for the men. Will there be another before the season end?

MB

## Sue takes Dinas Powys GC ladies championship



Sue Bridle receives the club championship trophy from Stuart Walker.

ON July 28, the Ladies 36-hole Dinas Powys Club Championship, played off scratch, was held between club champion Lisa Ryley and Sue Bridle.

The morning 18 holes finished all square and in the afternoon both players continued to play some fine golf until Sue finally won by three and two. Well done ladies, for a great championship.

On July 25, the Bronze Championship was held between Ruth Yates and Rhian Thomas.

In another close game, Ruth won on the 17th. On July 6 it was Captain's Day and Maxine Hird came second with a 64 nett.

July 13 was the Captain's monthly mixed competition, and Ann Mahenthalingam came third with 41 points.

On July 2, Ruth Yates won with 34 points; second, Lisa Ryley 34; third, Annie Blackburn 32. On July 7, first, Lisa Ryley 67 nett; second, Catherine Roblin 72. July 9: first, Sue Edwards; second, Angela Brown.

In a 9 hole Stableford: first, Sharon Jesson 23 points; second, Sue Bridle 17; third, Rhian Thomas 15.

**GEM NOTE:** A slightly longer version of this report appeared last week, under the heading Brynhill Golf Club. Apologies to all concerned for any confusion.

## Cowbridge Second XI post a good total but top form openers clinch game

AS the season creeps towards a conclusion, Cowbridge 2nd XI were hopeful of putting in a good performance against Mumbles on Saturday, August 3.

It wasn't the most auspicious of starts for Cowbridge with a number of the side arriving late to the Mumbles ground as a result of the vagaries of the traffic on the M4, plus other congestion caused by the Gower Show.

This meant that the usual batting order had to be re-jigged with Cowbridge being asked to bat first, with Ian Evans and Joe Russell opening up.

Both started brightly, coping well with the extra bounce produced by the artificial wicket that Mumbles play on. Joe was then unlucky to be caught at gully following a particularly nasty delivery rearing up off a length.

This brought Will Harris to the crease. Will and Ian (24) began to put together a good partnership which saw Cowbridge get to 65 off their first 20 overs.

This was a good start but Cowbridge knew that they would have to post a competitive total to stand any chance of victory. The impetus towards this goal was provided by the arrival of Guy Parker to the crease.

With Guy promptly dispatching his first ball for four, Will departed soon after for a well made and gutsy 19 with the consistent Heath Webb then joining Guy.

The score began to rise and following telling contributions from the likes of Heath (23) and Naveed (21), plus an out of character quickfire 19 from Jonty Webb, it meant Cowbridge finished on 158 off their 40 overs.

On the face of it, a score of 158 seemed competitive. However, Cowbridge hadn't

counted on the combined abilities of the Mumble pair of Paul Kenealy and Tony Dorwick.

Both batsmen dominated the Cowbridge bowling. Try as they could, none of the bowlers could exert any pressure and while Will, Heath and Joe picked up a wicket apiece, Kenealy (62) and Dorwick (75\*) pushed Mumbles forward at a steady rate towards the Cowbridge total.

In the end, Mumbles surpassed the total with six overs to spare.

While Cowbridge came off second best in this contest, the fact is that Cowbridge came up against a good side with two very capable batsmen and on a wicket that provided extra bounce, which is something of a rarity in the league.

The side should therefore not be too disappointed to have lost and, hopefully things can be turned around next week at home to Llandarcy.

JW

## Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for the Old Hall Bridge Club for Wednesday, August 7 are as follows:

First, John Beard and Liam Sheridan 67.08 per cent; second, James and Cathy Mangles 56.25; third, Mary Wallis and Myrtle Hansard 52.92; fourth, Diana Kendrick and Marjorie Morgan 52.08.

The club has an average of 7 tables per week with a focus on good play and enjoyment. Several members are Internationals who will give advice if asked. Visitors are welcome and are asked to arrive by 6.45pm. There will be a memorial session on August 21, when we celebrate the lives on three of the founding members - Dennis and Marjorie Smith, and Brian Swain.

CM



# The magic of the eagerly awaited all new Mazda3

**MAZDA has announced UK specification and pricing for the much anticipated Skyactiv-X version of the All-New Mazda3.**

Arriving in October, Mazda3s fitted with this ground-breaking engine will start from £23,555 with combined economy of up to 52.3mpg, while at the same time the stylish All-New Mazda3 saloon will make its UK debut powered by the 180ps Skyactiv-X engine and the 116ps Skyactiv-D diesel engine.

Featuring Mazda's unique Spark Controlled Compression Ignition (SPCCI) technology, Skyactiv-X is the world's first production petrol engine to exploit the benefits of compression ignition. Providing drivers with the free-revving performance of a petrol engine with the superior response of a diesel, the 2.0-litre four-cylinder 180ps Skyactiv-X engine features the highest compression ratio for a production petrol engine in the world, while its lean burn capabilities ensure outstanding fuel economy and low emissions.

The entry point to the Skyactiv-X line up, the £23,555 manual All-New Mazda3 Sport hatch emits 100g/km, while the identically priced Sport saloon emits just 96g/km. Across both body styles the Skyactiv-X powered Mazda3 is offered in Sport, Sport Lux, GT Sport and GT Sport Tech trim levels, with a choice of automatic or manual transmission across all models.

Additionally, for the first time since the Mazda 323 AWD, Mazda is offering UK drivers a four-wheel drive car in the family hatch segment. Exclusively matched to the high-grade GT Sport Tech trim and hatchback body, this Mazda3 combines the cutting-edge efficiency of the Skyactiv-X engine with the security and dynamic excellence of Mazda's latest i-Activ all-wheel drive system.

Like the rest of the range, Skyactiv-X hatch and saloon models are specified with a level of standard equipment never seen before on a Mazda in

this sector: the All-New Mazda3 features high-end technology such as a windscreen projecting colour head-up display with Traffic Sign Recognition, Mazda Radar Cruise Control and LED headlights across the range. Every model in the line-up also features navigation, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto and an advanced eight speaker audio system.

Even the Sport trim entry point to the Skyactiv-X range has a cabin enhanced with chrome detailing, a frameless rear view mirror and rear privacy glass, while Sport Lux models feature a reversing camera, smart keyless entry and heated front seats. GT Sport sees the introduction of black leather seats with power adjustment, a heated steering wheel and Bose audio, while the range-topping GT Sport Tech features a suite of additional active safety equipment, including a 360o camera and Driver Monitoring System with interior camera.

Exclusive to cars powered by the Skyactiv-X engine, GT Sport and GT Sport hatchbacks can be specified with £200 Burgundy leather, while the



saloon can be equipped identically priced Stone leather.

Inside, the stylish cabin environment takes a minimalist approach with every aspect of the cockpit laid out in perfect horizontal symmetry with the driver to deliver both ergonomic simplicity and beautiful design.

Mazda's focus on Japanese mastery inspired craftsmanship is evident in both high-class materials found throughout the interior and the impressive build quality. All models feature a seven-inch colour TFT driver instrument display, while the latest version of the Mazda Connect infotainment system features a larger 8.8-inch central display, improved navigation and a revised multimedia commander control dial, to name just a few of the enhancements.

Like the Skyactiv-G petrol engine, Mazda's Skyactiv-X engine is matched to the Mazda M Hybrid 24V mild-hybrid system that recycles recovered kinetic energy. A belt-driven integrated starter generator (ISG) converts the energy in the 600kJ lithium-ion battery, while the DC-DC converter supplies it to the cars electrical equipment.

Externally, Sport Lux, GT Sport and GT Sport Tech Skyactiv-X powered cars are marked out by bright 18-inch alloy wheels on the saloon and

metallic black alloys on the hatchback, while the keen eyed will spot the wider exhaust tailpipe and Skyactiv-X tailgate badge.

A stand out compact premium small saloon, the All-New Mazda3 saloon shares just its bonnet and windscreen with the hatchback, ensuring that it delivers a uniquely sophisticated and executive look distinct from the hatchback. Sharing an identical wheelbase, the saloon is 200mm longer, while the 444-litre boot ensures this stylish saloon delivers impressive levels of practicality.

Commenting on the arrival of the Skyactiv-X engine, Mazda UK Managing Director, Jeremy Thomson said: "I'm very excited about the arrival of the Skyactiv-X engine; this is another example of Mazda's convention defying powertrain innovation. Offering our customers a truly unique blend of fuel economy, low emissions and performance from a petrol engine, Skyactiv-X adds a unique selling point to the All-New Mazda3, a car that is already winning over our customers with its quality, style and driver appeal".

Adding, "it's also great that the saloon is arriving in UK dealerships this Autumn, as it's a stylish and distinctive small executive saloon that will appeal to both fleet and private customers".

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## Vauxhall releases its first plug in SUV

**VAUXHALL has revealed pricing for the upcoming Grandland X Hybrid4 - the firm's first plug-in SUV.**

Four trims are on offer for the SUV. Starting off the range is the £35,690 Business Edition Nav Premium variant, with SRI NAV and Elite Nav coming in respectively at £40,300 and £42,200.

Sitting at the top of the pile is the £45,450 Ultimate Nav grade. Coupling a turbocharged 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with a 13.2kWh battery pack, the Grandland X Hybrid4 produces 296bhp, allowing the car to hit 0-60mph in under seven seconds. More



impressively, Vauxhall claims the car can return up to 176.5mpg while emitting 36g/km in CO2 - with 32 miles of electric-only driving possible on a full charge.

As standard, a 3.3kW on-board charger is fitted to the car though a higher-capacity 6.6kW version can be had optionally. Vauxhall says a 7.4kW wallbox will charge the battery fully in under two hours. The Hybrid4's powertrain uses regenerative braking technology too, recouping energy otherwise wasted in braking

to return capacity to the battery pack - with up to 10% more electric range able to be eked out of the car.

Though its only current hybrid offering, it's not the first time Vauxhall has given plug-in power a go. The Ampera hatchback was introduced in 2011 but failed to become a

mainstay on the market.

The firm has committed to electrifying its entire catalogue by 2024, with its first all-electric vehicle coming in the form of the Corsa-e - order books for which are now open. EV variants of the Vivaro Life MPV and the Ampera hatchback were introduced in 2011 but failed to become a



# Stay safe when driving in the rain this summer

**WE'RE** having a typical English summer, sun for a couple of weeks and then downpours for days on end. IAM RoadSmart's head of driving and riding standards Richard Gladman advises a few ways to keep safe in heavy rain and floods.

## Heavy rain

Driving in heavy rain will affect your visibility, so take it slow. Rule 126 of the Highway Code states that the braking distance between yourself and another car on a dry road surface should be at least two seconds, and at least four seconds when driving in the rain.

Ensure your windscreen wipers are working correctly, and that the windscreen is clean – using your wipers when you have a dirty windscreen will just smear and make your visibility even worse.

Turn your headlights on. Many of us now have automated headlights, but often they will not come on in adverse weather conditions; ensure they are on so you're visible to other road users. A good rule of thumb is that if you need your wipers on, then you need your headlights on too.

## Aquaplaning

Is your car aquaplaning? Here are some signs that you could be:

Your engine may become louder if the driving wheels have lost grip.

It will feel as though you've dropped down in the gears causing revs to increase.

The steering may become lighter and unresponsive. If you experience any of this, try not to panic.

## Follow these tips:

Ease off the accelerator or cancel the cruise control.

Hold the steering wheel straight and firm.

Do not hit your brakes hard.

When your car gains traction you can slowly begin to use the brake and slow down.

## How to avoid aquaplaning

If it's been raining and you're about to drive, there are things that you can do to help prevent your car from aquaplaning. Standing water as shallow as 2.5mm can cause an aquaplaning effect at speed so be sure to follow the steps below:

Check your tyres – they can have a massive impact on how your car will handle in the wet. Watch this video by TyreSafe for more info:

Reduce your speed; problems occur when the tyres can no longer clear the standing water as they rotate. Going slower will allow time for the tread to do its job.

Be alert for flood warnings on the road and if you can see any water in the distance, be sure to slow down and prepare to go around it.

Avoid using cruise control in extreme conditions.

## Floods

If there are floods you need to consider other routes to keep you safe. If the water is standing more than six inches deep, avoid driving through it. You can judge the depth in relation to the kerb.

If there are similar vehicles driving safely through, then you can make a judgement call on whether it's safe to do so yourself.

If the water is fast flowing, do not attempt to drive through it. There is a real danger of your car being swept away.

If you have decided to drive through a flood take the following precautions:

## Go slowly and take it easy

Press lightly on the clutch and add gentle pressure to the accelerator to increase engine revs but do so without speed. Do this in a similar way to how you do hill starts, this will prevent water from entering



your exhaust. If you're in an automatic, accelerate lightly but control the speed with your brakes.

If you have any doubt, turn back. Often modern saloon cars have an air intake in the wheel arch and could be below water level if going through a flood. If your engine takes in any water, it will immediately hydro lock and the engine will stop.

Remember to stay alert and avoid splashing pedestrians. If this is done accidentally you can still receive a fixed penalty and three points on your license for driving without due care and attention. If done deliberately it could be a public order offence,

a court appearance, or a fine.

Richard says "With the British weather the way it is, we should all be well practised at driving in the rain. Keeping your car maintained and the rubber (wipers and tyres) in good condition will help you stay safe. In the recent extreme weather, we have seen that standing water and floods are becoming more commonplace, so take extra care and if possible, avoid driving through standing water. I

f you're in any doubt about the depth or surface underneath a flood, then it's best not to take any chances."



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# HOYS qualifier for local rider Brooke



Brooke Lewis competed in her first Welsh team event recently.

**WHAT an unbelievable few days Brooke Lewis of Cowbridge has had.**

At the beginning of the year Brooke set herself a goal, to jump on the Welsh team: "If you believe, you achieve" is what she always says, and she has worked so hard since owning Boo to get where she is now, competing at her first ever Welsh home pony international held at The David Broome Event

Centre. Brooke (12) and her 138 pony Boo jumped their socks off in both viewing classes to gain themselves a very well deserved place on the Welsh 138 team. We were all over the moon, words cannot explain how proud we are and the local supporters were amazing. Brooke jumped two rounds 1m10 and 1m15 – the jumps were almost as big as her, but she wasn't fazed by it. She rounded every jump just perfectly and the Welsh came away with an amazing bronze. Brooke then went on to Vale her first HOYS qualifier, gaining themselves an amazing clear in the first round. Brooke and the family would love to thank Jenna Thomas, Shan Close and Cardiff and Vale Riding Club for helping her progress along the way to this amazing opportunity. AS

## News from Barry Chess Club

**ROUND four of the Barry Chess Club Championships has taken place, with six matches being played.**

It looks tight at the top of both sections, with only 0.5 points separating the top four players and in the Plate only tie break separates the top two.

Martin Ricketts moves up a place into third and Peter Watkins also moves up the table to fourth place.

Both of these players recorded a win to make it three wins from four matches.

In the final round Tom plays Martin and Peter plays Dave. It is possible

that any of these players could be club champion this year but tie break could be important, so every result for every player could affect the title chase.

In the Plate, Erion Pici managed to find a win in a match that looked likely to be a draw.

This has brought him up to seventh place in the table but level on points with Ken Curry, who is a place above.

There were also wins for Mike O'Leary and Ieuan Thomas. In the Plate, although Ken and Erion lead this section every player could catch them on two points if they win their final game; so tie break could be the

deciding factor here.

I recently confirmed that Dave Parsons has been unbeaten since 2017 in our club championships: sorry Dave – a close match with Tom Cooke was decided by an extra pawn so Tom remains undefeated on 3.5 points. Dave is now in second place on three points, with only the tie break separating him from two others. The Barry Chess Club meet at 7.30pm on Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY and is open to players of all standards. Contact us through the website: barrychessclub.yolasite.com PJ

## Lady bowlers in double win

**THE ladies played two matches last week, both at home which they won comfortably.**

The first of these, a Cowbridge Shield Match, was played on August 6 against the Pyle and Kenfig Club and the score was Cowbridge 61, Pyle and Kenfig Hill 34.

The second, a Thursday afternoon league game was against visitors Rectory Road from Penarth with the final score: Cowbridge 61, Rectory Road 36.

The men did not fare so well in their two away games.

On August 7 at Penarth Windsor, they lost overall

by 46 shots despite an excellent rink win on Norman Wilkinson's rink and with the support of Alan Jordan, David Birt (playing his first game) and Ken Payne, recorded a 22-9 win. The score was Cowbridge 46, Windsor 85.

The club played a Saturday League game in Cardiff against Rumney and lost on 3 of the 4 rinks.

Bob Penn's rink with Alan Jordan, who was having a good week, with John Watnes and Bob recording a fine 15 shots to 9 rink win and 2 away points. Score: Cowbridge 51, Rumney 69.

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## St Mary's seniors slow things down to vanquish Neath

**DESPITE the wet and blustery early conditions, 24 of the more hardy members of St Mary's senior section turned out to compete in their August Medal competition.**

The weather remained unpleasant throughout the morning with some very heavy rain showers interspersed with occasional sunny spells. The excellent condition of the fairways and greens, however, allowed for good scoring opportunities and Jeff Perkins romped home with an impressive net 63 to secure victory by seven shots.

Things then became a lot tighter with just three shots separating the rest of the top 10 places. Octogenarian Bob Coombes and new

member Mike Taylor both returned net 70 to tie for second place but Coombes was awarded the runner-up spot following a back nine count-back with Taylor having to settle for third.

Two days later, with a return to warm and sunny weather, a 14-strong team (seven pairs) of St Mary's seniors hosted a like number of veterans from Neath Golf Club for the home leg of their annual pairs better ball friendly fixture. The Neath side suffered a decisive 5 points to 2 loss which, in his speech at the post match dinner, the Neath captain grumpily put down to the slower greens at St Mary's. He vowed that the advantage of faster greens would favour them when the return match is played in September. NL

## Barry Rugby Club news

**BARRY gave an indication that they will be competitive this season as they suffered an injury time defeat at the hands of experienced Division 1 East Pontypool United in a warm up game last Saturday.**

This Saturday, Barry entertain Newcastle Emllyn, also a Division 1 team, in the second game. Please note the kick off has been changed to 12.15pm to allow both teams and supporters to watch the Wales v England game in the Clubhouse. The Club Lottery hits £5,000 this week after last week's numbers 07-09-11 and 18 failed to produce a winner. Two tickets matched three numbers to claim £10. AJ

## Competitions in full swing at Wenvoe

**THE end of July and early August have continued to enjoy excellent weather for golf and the occasional shower has been welcomed to keep the championship course at Wenvoe Castle in superb condition.**

Members have enjoyed a wealth of opportunity with the long summer evenings extending the time available to get out and enjoy playing competitive golf or simply social golf. The competitions continue to come thick and fast both during the week and at the busier weekends.

On Sunday, Ben Crews picked up the top prize in the stableford with 39 points, outscoring Ian Pearcey and Alex Finlay with 37 and 36 points respectively.

The Seniors section held their regular Wednesday Stableford and Alan McCracken won a close affair with Jeff Hudd, and countback had to be used to separate them.

Saturday always attracts the highest number of entries and a high score is essential to get anywhere near the prize

money. With well over 100 entries it was Roger Canty who duly obliged with an excellent score of 40 points, two ahead of Steve Bartlett and Wayne Curtis with the former holding on to second place on count back.

The Ladies' Section were very busy, completing the knockout stages of their club competitions for the Finals Day in early September. On Saturday there was an opportunity to play in a Stableford competition and Nicola Manning continued her good form, winning her second competition in a couple of weeks.

Nicola scored well for 18 and over with both competitions medals. the consistent Jane Lott who finished just one point behind and ahead of Mags Lewis on 35 points.

The busy programme continues throughout August and September and the Captain's Charity Open Day on September 7 provides a great opportunity for members and visitors to enjoy a great round of golf and a meal helping to raise funds for the Captain's nominated charity, Parkinson's UK.

The day is open to both gentlemen and ladies, including mixed teams of four players. Full details are on the club website [www.wenvoecastle.org](http://www.wenvoecastle.org) or contact the club secretary on 02920 594371, who would be delighted to book a tee time.

David Vaughan won the Palmer Cup with a significant improvement on the back nine and his net 70 got him home by a single stroke from Mike Brown and Steve Stickler both with net 71. Mike also improved on the back nine and took the runner-up prize on

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## A very busy week for Romilly Bowling Club

**ON July 27 Romilly Bowling Club First team travelled to Bargoed, and the results were:**

Rink 1: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Alan Bannister, 15-11; Rink 2: Glyn Sheppard, Dave Noble, Roger Jones and skip Alan Bryan, 14-19; Rink 3: Paul Swannick, Barrie Griffiths, Ray Hewitson and skip Steve Close, 21-11; Rink 4: Phil Haines, Paul Ross, Gwyn Rees and skip Mike Doyle, 23-9. Aggregate win: 73-50.

On August 3, Barry Romilly 1sts travelled to Ynysybwl.

Rink 1: Alan Bryan, Dave Noble, Clive Collins and skip Brian Foscolo, 23-20; Rink 2: Alan Bannister, Pal Swannick, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright, 16-14. Aggregate defeat: 92-71.

On July 31 Romilly welcomed Penarth Rectory in the Munro Cup.

Rink 1: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Alan Bannister, 15-11; Rink 2: Glyn Sheppard, Dave Noble, Roger Jones and skip Alan Bryan, 14-19; Rink 3: Paul Swannick, Barrie Griffiths, Ray Hewitson and skip Steve Close, 21-11; Rink 4: Phil Haines, Paul Ross, Gwyn Rees and skip Mike Doyle, 23-9. Aggregate win: 83-71.

On August 3, Romilly A welcomed Rumney and it was a 74-all draw.

Rink 1: John Kirkpatrick, Alfie Woolcock, Anthony Jones and skip John Kirk, 25-19; Rink 2: Phil Herbert, Glyn Sheppard, Brian Parker and skip Mike Gronow, 17-24; Rink 3: Dennis Mottram, Peter Hunt, Dave Francis and skip Tony Freeman, 17-17; Rink 4: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Barrie Griffiths, 15-14. JWK





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## Cowbridge 2nd XI secure victory against Llandarcy

**AS last Saturday dawned, Cowbridge was swathed in slate grey skies with the almost inevitable promise of rain to come.**

Sure enough, the heavens opened and the rain came teeming down. At this point the thought of any game of cricket taking place was far from the minds of most of the Cowbridge side, however Captain Joe Russell thought otherwise.

Having inspected the pitch at 11am and putting considerable faith in the weather forecast, Joe deemed the pitch playable.

With Cowbridge winning the toss, Llandarcy were unsurprisingly asked to bat first. With one ball bowled, the rain came down again and the players ran for shelter. Play resumed with Joe Russell and Lewis Sevenoaks immediately putting the Llandarcy batsmen under pressure. Both bowled terrifically

with Lewis picking up an early wicket. This pressure exerted from the outset was maintained throughout, with all the bowlers chipping in with wickets. The Llandarcy batsmen were never comfortable and finally scrapped to 98 all out off 32 overs with Lewis Sevenoaks and Umar Raffique finishing with 3 wickets a piece.

This was an excellent bowling and fielding performance, but Cowbridge knew they would have to bat sensibly to overhaul the target. The Cowbridge innings did not start well with Umar Raffique falling with the score only 8, but this brought to the crease Heath Webb who put together an excellent partnership with Naveed Younis. Both batsmen, clearly conscious that Llandarcy were putting all their faith in their two opening bowlers, began wretchedly.

When Llandarcy then turned to their second string bowlers, both batsmen began to open

their shoulders. The runs started to flow. Both put away the bad ball with ease and while the running between the wickets was at times slightly ponderous, the score rose steadily.

In the end, Cowbridge overhauled the Llandarcy total off just 22 overs with Heath finishing on 35 not out and Naveed finishing on an excellent 50 not out.

This was a dominant performance by Cowbridge and a well deserved victory. Joe's decision to play the game was entirely vindicated and those pessimists, who questioned whether the game should have taken place, this author being one of them, should hold their hands up and admit they were mistaken.

This victory has now put daylight between Cowbridge and those sides in the relegation zone and hopefully Cowbridge can continue this momentum through to the end of the season.

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## Penarth bowlers' winning form continues, no thanks to the windy weather

**PENARTH PG2 side continued their impressive form by beating Llantrisant convincingly, taken 12 points in doing so.**

Llantrisant are a threat to Penarth's title hopes and so this was a crucial game to win. Conditions were far from ideal following torrential early rain and gale force winds. The home side adapted themselves quicker and better to the prevailing elements and ran out overall winners by 74-51 and by three wickets to one.

Pride of place went to Nick Thomas, Guy Thomas, Haydn Trow and Dave Murphy as they accelerated to lead by 15-0 after only 4 ends. Never losing any grip on the game, they eventually cruised to victory 26-14. Not quite so acceleratory, but nevertheless just as impressive was the Dave Dalby, Lawrence Brooke, Dreck Blainey and Brian Chandler rink which never lost their

lead, registering a 20-8 win. An impressive 5 on the last end wrapped it all up nicely. Bob Willmott, Mike England, Bob Lewis and Trevor Jenkins fought out a close and tense battle. They slipped behind by one shot on the 15th end but then recovered to succeed in the end by 17-14.

Colin Hicks, John Whitfield, Billy Croll and Neil Gaskell had another luckless encounter losing by 11-15. A good recovery late on was not quite good enough to take the points.

Disappointment ruled supreme through the ladies' locker room last week, as two defeats put an end to a great run over recent weeks. First reversal came at the hands of Cardiff at Sophia Gardens. The double rink game ended with Cardiff taking both rinks in a 27-39 aggregate win. Both rinks were fairly tight until the halfway stage, but Cardiff then managed to pull away and record the win.

The afternoon league game at Cowbridge fulfilled the fears of playing on an artificial green; only a draw achieved by Belinda Price, June Williams, Barbara Brown and Norma Duggan saved face when they finished at 14-14. Unfortunately, the Wendy Grant and Kath Jenkins rinks went down by 12-26 and 10-21 respectively. No doubt the playing surface had a lot to do with it!

As a footnote the club would like to pass on sympathy to the family of one of our true legends who passed away recently, and whose life was celebrated last Thursday following the cremation service. Elfed Aneurin Davies honoured our club with his presence and service over many years and was an icon in so many ways. His life and times spent with us at Rectory Road will be cherished and never forgotten. Rest in peace, Elfed.

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## A close game in Munro Cup

**THIS week's instalment of the Munro Cup saw near neighbours Barry Romilly visit Millwood with both teams anticipating a close game.**

On Rink two Alan Evans, Steve Sewell, Geoff Stone and Tony Cole found themselves in a nip and tuck struggle with the lead changing constantly, before a single on the last two ends led the home rink home 16 shots to 15.

On Rink three Brian Howcroft, Terry Mullins, Tony Williams and Dave Woodfin were all square three all after five ends, finally easing to a 16 shot to 10 victory. Meanwhile on Rink four Gary Smith, Dave Bourne, Haydn Spencer and Stan Hopkins, despite losing the first end got

into their stride after 10 ends leading 12 shots to 3, and with the bowling gods on their side eased to a 30 shots to 3 win; their opponents must be congratulated for not giving up.

Elsewhere on Rink five Kelvin Lewys, Arthur Norris, Alan Bickley and Brian Crockford could not get started and after 10 ends trailed 16 shots to 3 and finally lost 24 shots to 8. Millwood won by 70 shots to 52, taking 12 points to 2 for Romilly.

Division 3 action this week had Gelli Park visit Millwood. On Rink two Brian Crockford, Dave Woodfin, Alan Evans and Kelvin Lewys were soon behind 11 shots to 4 after 10 ends: a strong comeback saw the scores level 14 all at 17 ends, but the visitors finally won 17 shots to 15.

On Rink three Brian

Howcroft, Terry Mullins, Keith Thomas and Keith Davies stayed in the game for six ends at 6 all, but then slumped to 36 shots to 8.

On Rink 4 John Slee, Nigel Tutton, Mickey Lucas and Steve Sewell had a tight game with the home rink leading 10 shots to 7 after 10 ends, but the visitors fought back to 18 all after 19 ends and edged the game 20 shots to 19.

Meanwhile on Rink 5 Peter Taylor, Dave Bourne, Tony Cole and Maurice Jodrell started slowly and were behind 10 shots to 4 after 10 ends; a mid-match revival saw them close to 19 shots to 21 after 20 ends, but a single to the visitors gave them victory 22 shots to 19. Gelli won by 95 shots to 61 taking all 14 points.

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## Bridge Club round-up

**THE latest results from the Barrivale Bridge Club on Tuesday, August 6 are as follows:**

First: Mike Close and Mick Green, 76.19 per cent; second, Mark Roderick and Jenny Vaughan, 60.71 per cent; third, Kay Dyer and Hilary Morgan, 56.55 per cent.

The handicap winners were Linda Houston and Rozz Thomas.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may

be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join the club, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

If you wish to start learning bridge, a new beginners' class will start on Friday, September 13, at the Pioneer Hall from 10am to 12.30pm. You will be taught by experienced bridge players and handouts are provided.

On Thursday afternoons, assisted play takes place from 1.30pm-4pm

at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

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**Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club**

**THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for August 5 are as follows:**

First, Dave and Debbie Lea, 66.75 per cent; second, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts, 63.02 per cent; third, John Raymond and Alan Lewis, 61.36 per cent.

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